

NEWSLETTER

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The racing rules seminar scheduled for this Tuesday June 11th at the KPYC has been cancelled. We will try to reschedule.

Commodore's Message

Spring season is obviously well underway. Every club member I speak to is busily working trying to get their boats launched for another fun filled season. Hopefully, weather and luck cooperate and everyone will be floating soon.,

A special thanks to **Janet Sylvester** who is doing a fantastic job as social chair. I have to say that I haven't danced in years, but the four piece band was so good that they even got me to enjoy dancing. I had a wonderful time on Friday, April 23rd and so did everyone else around me. Kittery Point Yacht Club rocks thanks to Jan!

Docks in is May 15.

First day of Launch service is Friday, May 21st.

Dollar Night and Tuesday Night Races begin May 25th.

Mark your calendars, June 19th is the John Paul Jones Race and the New Members Social. There will be another band so try to make it a point to attend! More specific info will follow soon!

Happy spring and I'm sure we're all anticipating summer!

Best regards for a fun filled 2004 boating season,

Think Spring!

Keith Bridge

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Calendar of Events

- May 15** Docks In/Work Day 8:00 am
- May 21** First Day of Launch Service
- May 25** Dollar Night
- June 7** Monthly Board Meeting – 6:30pm
- June 10** J-24 On-The-Water Tune Up – 4:30pm
- June 19** John Paul Jones Race
- June 19** New Members Social – Starting at 5:00pm



Come and join the KPYC Forum. Become an active part of the club without leaving the comfort of your home. Have a question for the Board of Directors? Ask away. Looking for some second hand gear or have some you need to find a home for? You can do it there. Need to keep up on Racing and Cruising information? Yep, it's there.

Registration is free and quite simple and you won't be Spam'd. Moreover, you can hide your identity and email address. The choice is yours and so is this forum. To get there go to KPYC.net and click on the New Forum link. Have questions, need assistance? No problem, simply contact the KPYC Forum Administrator, Mike Cherim, at 603 942-5595 in the evening or at 603 942-7999 during the work week. Or you may simply send an email to Mike at Publishing@GreenMethods.com.

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Hello to everyone at KPYC!

Adios is now at anchor at 27 degrees 39 minutes North, 080 degrees 22 minutes West in Vero Beach Florida. We departed the Exumas on Tuesday 3/30 from George Town. To sum up the weather during the Winter of 2004, it can be expressed in one word, WINDY! Usually you can expect N/E winds in the 15 knot range for the norm. This year we had longer durations (7 to 14 days at a time) with 25 knot sustained N/E to East winds. This occurred many times during the Winter months. There were few fronts and little rain to speak of. Weather windows were few and far between and very short lived (48 hours) before winds picked up again. Regatta week was blessed with ideal conditions for the sailboat races averaging around 15 knots. As many as 400 boats were anchored during Regatta Week. The day we hauled anchor we motored into 15 knot head winds and 6 foot seas until we made Galliot Cut and got on to the Banks where the conditions were more like 2 feet. We arrived at Big Major Spot and anchored at 5:30 pm covering 68.5 n/m. Next day we made Highborne Cay in glassy seas and variable winds. That night anchored turned into a horror show as a combination of S/W winds (not predicted), a cross current holding the boats beam to the chop and waves crashing off the coral beach and bouncing back out at us made a real rodeo that night. We must of left between 3 and 4 am having had enough of that anchorage. We sailed close hauled in 15 winds to Nassau and were in and tied up to the Nassau Harbor Club by 10 am. We remained there 5 days waiting for the winds to ease and clock from the N/E to the S/E. With 5 or 6 other boats there from George Town we enjoyed Nassau and were out every day touring. One spot not miss is the Baccardi Rum factory. You name the rum drink, they will make it for you! On 4/6/04 we finally got our window and enjoyed our best crossing back to the States we have had so far. We departed Nassau at 6:30 am and sailed the first 50 miles to North West Channel Light with 15 knot N/E winds on the beam. Once on the Banks we motor sailed the rest of the day and that night crossing back out into the Gulf Stream where we had 15 knot S/E winds and 3 to 4 foot seas. We picked up the current and were up to 9 knots for the majority of the trip. We arrived at the breakwater at Lake Worth Inlet at 8:00 am covering 182.5 n/m in 25 hours and 20 minutes, averaging about 7.2 knots. We checked in with Customs by cell phone, but we had to appear in person at Immigration. After this was done we motored up to the North Lake Worth anchorage for the night. In two days we were into Vero Beach where we have been for the past 10 days. We plan to head out on Friday and start our trip back North. You probably have read that the Army Corp of Engineers is NOT dredging any of the ICW. It seems that Congress and House in there great wisdom have decided that the Inter coastal Waterway is no longer worth dredging. This is already creating many serious problems with low water in Georgia, and the Carolinas. We will probably have to do a lot more offshore hops to get around these shallow areas. I'll update you as we move North. Hope everyone has had a good winter and we are hoping for a great Summer back in New Hampshire. Hope to see you at the Club when we return.

Steve and Paula
S/V Adios

Racing Report

Dear Sailors:

As the race chairman the KPYC, I welcome you to the 2004-racing season. This year we are sponsoring four weekend regattas and look forward to high participation competitive events. I encourage all of you to compete. It is a new year at KPYC; we now have a committee of six enthusiastic individuals that have stepped forward to be sure that our sponsored races run smoothly and efficiently. We have secured the use of a second boat as a race committee patrol boat.

We also celebrate the social side of racing, each of our events will be coupled with an awards ceremony and a social event immediately following race. Our first regatta, the John Paul Jones race will be followed by the new members party. Janet our social chair has arranged for a musical entertainment and I am sure that quality of the racing will only be exceeded by the subsequent good time.

Don't miss the Lobster bake following the Leukemia cup in September. Once again, we'll be hosting dollar nights the last Tuesday of each month. Come and share some sailing stories with friends.

I wish you the best of luck and remember to tack on headers.

J-24 Sailors—Will Wells of Quantum Sails, a world class J-24 sailor has offered to help the fleet tune up for the season. **Thursday Evening, June 10th, 16:30** at KPYC. The format will be:

A dock side review of J-24 setup followed by a series of short races during which Will and I will film and photograph the fleet in action. Later that evening, Will shall conduct a chalkboard session at the KPYC, review the footage and critique each boat in the fleet for sail condition, trim and overall crew work.


Please let me know if you are interested.

Andy Keturakis
Rear Commodore & Race Committee Chairman

The KPYC Racing events in 2004:

- June 10th J-24 on the water tune-up
- June 19th The John Paul Jones Race
- July 17th The Whaleback Race
- Sept. 11th The Leukemia Cup
- Sept. 18th Single Handed Challenge



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Social Committee Report

EVENTS YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!

If you were unable to attend the Spring Fling, I'm sure you heard by now that you missed a great party! The place was packed, we had alot of fun, alot of laughs and danced our butts off until midnight. There was so much wonderful food, we were concerned about having so many left overs, but lo & behold by the end of the night it was all gone. Not to worry if you missed it, we have more great parties coming up this summer. In conjunction with the regattas that we're having this season we'll also be having Pot-Luck get togethers after each race. SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS, we'll be having parties after the following races;

John Paul Jones Regatta Saturday June 19th. This is also the evening of the **New Members Party** and we will have live entertainment!!! The race will end around 4ish, cocktails around 5ish & music around 6ish! (I wonder if the new Members know that they have to do the KPYC initiation dance?? Sort of a cross between the chicken dance and the bump)

Whaleback Race Saturday July 17th.

Charity Regatta Saturday September 11th.

More details to follow on both the Regattas and the Parties. Just be sure to hold these dates aside for a full day of fun both on & off the water at KPYC!



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Mark your calendar for June 19th, John Paul Jones Race combined with another super social with band and dance. This social will be the event that introduces new members to the Club. It is the opinion of this Commodore that you don't want to miss it!

Thanks to the efforts of **Jim Crowell** and the education committee, the CPR course was a huge success. We will try to run more of these in the future.

The club house looks great with a new coat of paint inside. This is thanks to the efforts of house chair Ernie Arsenault. A special thanks to **Chris Culver** who headed up the painting and decorating group.

Tuesday, May 25th is the start of the Tuesday Night Races and also the first "Dollar Night" of the season at the Club.

The launch is in the process of being completely refurbished and it is the hope of everyone involved in this process that it will be ready for the start of the season.

We need volunteers, so mark your calendars. We will be building and launching new dinghy docks on Saturday, May 15th at 0800hrs. Please try to help!

Check www.kpyc.net for notices of race and results.