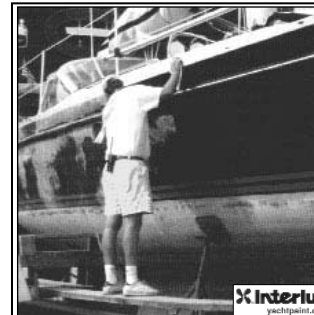


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Calendar of Events

- June 21** Double Handed Race – Noon
July 14 Monthly Board Meeting – 6:30pm



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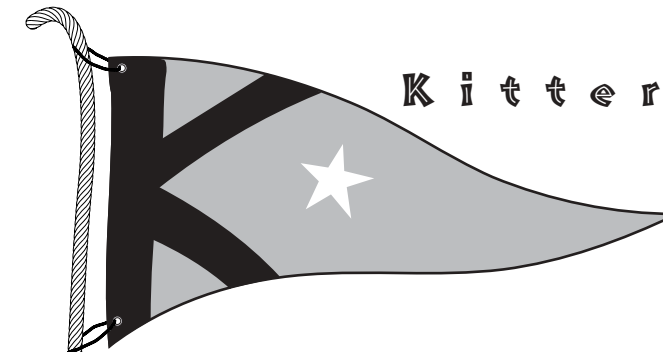
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Commodore's Message

Hi,

The new members social party on June 1st, even though it was a stormy day in which quite a few of us ventured out to greet our new members. The food was delicious, the drink abundant and the company very enjoyable. Thanks to **Chris Culver** and all who helped with the occasion.

The club is in the process of receiving a new Island of Shoals mooring spot. The location is ESE of the Star Island dock. We hope to have it in place this summer. Anybody wishing to expedite the process should contact me.

Finally! on Fathers Day almost a month after launching I enjoyed a day of sailing on Merrywing. The weather thus far on weekends has been so dreadful maybe with the nice day yesterday (Fathers Day) the weather trend is changing—we can only hope.

The next board meeting is July 14th at 18:30.

Respectfully,

Keith

The Double handed race will be June 21. Rendezvous at 2KR before noon and expect a 3-5hr race, course to be announced from Chumly on Channel 68.

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Hello to everyone at Kittery Point Yacht Club,

Hi Everybody,
 Sorry for the delay, but thanks to Dunja we are back connected to KPYC's newsletter. After three months on anchor and the Cruising Regatta finished up, it was time to think about heading back to New England. Paula and I had another great winter in the Bahamas. The weather was very warm and sunny with water temperatures topping off at 83.5 degrees. I can say that now as it's Springtime back in New England and everyone has forgotten how bad it was this winter. Well, almost everyone!

On Thursday 3/13 at 7:45 am we hauled up the anchor, said our good byes to all our friends, and headed out Conch Cut. Winds were S/SE 15 to 18 kts. with a 4 foot sea running. We made great time outside and entered back in to the Banks at Galliot Cut. From there we traveled up past Black Point and anchored at the Big Major Spot at 5:00 pm, 61 n/m. The next day we sailed up to Shroud Cay 32.5 n/m. The next day we made Nassau, 48.1 n/m, beating in a front with some pretty heavy winds and lightning. Not to have a repeat of our crossing from Miami in the Fall we stayed three days waiting for a good window. In Nassau there is a toll free number that you can call and speak directly with a live, breathing meteorologist. His forecast and Southbound II's forecast gave us great conditions. At 7:30 am on 3/19/03 we left Nassau Harbor Club and set a course of 304 degrees for Northwest Channel Light. Winds were South 10 kts, sunny and warm. At 3:30 pm we made Northwest Channel Light and entered on to the Great Bahama Banks. Winds continued South in the 10 kt. range with smooth flat seas. By 8:00 pm we were at Mackie Shoals and altered course for Great Issac Light. At 12:50 am, 3/20/03 we made Great Issac Light and passed thru the Hens and Chicken shoals and out in the Gulf Stream. Winds were 15 kts from the South with 4 to 6 foot seas running. We set our off set course of 319 degrees for Lake Worth 67.2 n/m to the Northwest. As we got out into the axis of the Stream our boat speed picked up to between 8.5 and 9.0 kts. which we held till daybreak. About 25 miles out from Lake Worth the winds built to 30 kts but remained on the starboard quarter and we sailed in at over 7 kts. At 9:53 we passed thru the breakwater at Lake Worth and continued up to the anchorage in North Palm Beach. We anchored at 11:00 am covering 197 n/m in 27 hours averaging 7 kts! We were able to check in with Customs using our cell phone and then slept for a while. Had dinner and went back to bed. The next morning we made a short 30 .0 s/m run up to Jensen Beach where we anchored in the lee of the high rise bridge. The following day we made a 28.6 s/m run to Vero Beach. Here we stayed for three

weeks. We rented a car, saw the sights, went to movies, had dinners out, went to the beach, went shopping and visited with many cruisers making the trip North. On 4/12 we departed Vero and made a 39 s/m run to Melbourne. Here we stayed for a week visiting with friends. On Thursday 4/17 we left for Titusville 37 s/m. The following day we made a 34 s/m run to New Smyrna Beach where we anchored in Sheepshead Cut anchoring just out of the ICW. This is an ideal spot to wait for high water and favorable currents North. The next morning we picked up a favorable current and rode it to the anchorage at the "Cement Plant" 37 s/m. Next morning Sunday 4/20 we made St Augustine 30 s/m and took a lay day there. Tuesday 4/22 we made a 54 s/m run and anchored at Alligator Creek. This is a wide open anchorage, but has good holding and a good overnight anchorage. On Wednesday 4/23 we crossed the Georgia border and anchored in the Fredreca River, a 45 s/m day. Next month we will continue the trip up thru Georgia and the Carolinas. We started to get into some very unsettled weather patterns from here working North and had to deal with constant severe thunderstorm warnings and tornado watches. Spent many a night at anchor watch and watching the storm tracks on the TV. It would be a great idea to have road maps that gave the counties so you knew where you were in relation to the storms. So far so good, but every day seems to be an adventure.

Best regards,

Steve and Paula
S/V Adios

The sailing school would like to purchase two Laser Sailboats or will gladly accept donations of Laser Sailboats. The school has also had its mooring transferred to a better location behind the island. Subsequently we need a 5000 Lb. granite block for the new mooring. If any one knows where to find Lasers or a new mooring block, please have then call me at 603-433-9811.



Racing Report

The Tuesday and Thursday races are underway and we had kick off Dollar Night on 5/27. The first of the weekend FUN races was on 6/7 there are several more to come I have a finish time for Breakaway, if there are any others please send them in.

Check the calendar that was sent out earlier or the website www.kpyc.net for details. All Weekend Fun races start at 2KR at 1200 and are run around a course of Gunboat Shoals, Isle of Shoals and return.

Take your own finish time if you don't see a committee boat. If there is anyone who would like to serve as weekend Race Committee we have an unpaid job for you! Seriously the racers would appreciate having more formal start and finish, if you would like to do this please contact me.

The Double-handed race is coming up on the 21st, any people interested in this please contact me. Tentative plans are a race that would either be the same as FUN races, or a longer course perhaps up to York and Boone Island and back. Let me know what your interests are at haynie@ti.com.

Respectfully submitted, Sheldon Haynie



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