



# NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

News and Events | July-September 2012

## Harbour Court Geared For Biennial Race Week



7/13/12. COMPETING IN ONE-DESIGN RACES DURING THE 2010 RACE WEEK

It happens every two years. NYYC Race Week at Newport presented by Rolex returns to Harbour Court Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> for 9 days of exciting racing plus a little socializing with sailors from across the country. The Bastille Day start features two days of competition among Classic 12 Metre, 6 Metre, and Herreshoff “S” class yachts. On Wednesday there will be the usual race around lovely Conanicut Island that is open to all yachts at no fee. Thursday to Sunday will see big-time racing among the One-Design and IRC classes plus the lively competition in the J/105, Melges 32 classes and PHRF “Navigator Races” on Saturday and Sunday.

Race Week social events are open to all members. From Wednesday through Sunday the post-race Hospitality Villa will feature daily awards, complimentary snacks and daily race footage. The week will be highlighted by a Cocktail Reception overlooking the harbor followed by an Owners

and Guests Dinner in the Main Dining Room on July 14<sup>th</sup>; a casual party for the Around the Island Race participants and Race Week registrants with chit cocktails, complimentary grill stations and music by “Sweet Tooth and the Sugar Babies” on July 18<sup>th</sup>; and the Rolex Gala, with cocktails and dinner in the Main Event Tent, on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. See page 6 for reservation information.

## Newport Start and Boston Finish Among Highlights Of 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise



COMMODORE ROBERT C. FOWSE'S BLUE YANKEE LEADS THE FLEET OUT OF NEW LONDON, CT ON THE 2011 ANNUAL CRUISE

With a Cocktail Reception following the Captain’s Meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Opening Banquet at Harbour Court on August 4<sup>th</sup> featuring a preview of our visit to “Old Ironsides” on its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Anne Grimes, president of the USS *Constitution* Museum, a record number of NYYC members are expected on hand for the start of our 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise. We will be disbanding in Boston waters on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> following a festive dinner at the USS *Constitution* Friday evening. There will be intense competition for the Queen’s Cup on August 4<sup>th</sup> and for the Astor Cup races on August 11<sup>th</sup>. In between, there will be Squadron Runs, predicted log-races for power boats, family-style Corinthian races and a Lay Day in scenic Marblehead for everyone’s enjoyment. Needless to say, there will be lots of socializing as we make stops at the historic ports of Marion, Duxbury, Marblehead and Rockport en route to Boston, including a Flag Officers Reception on our August 8<sup>th</sup> Lay Day in Marblehead.

It will be a memorable week for everyone so, if you haven’t yet signed up, you are encouraged to do so on the NYYC website ASAP. Members interested in attending the Saturday dinners at Harbour Court and/or the USS *Constitution* Museum who are unable to join the Annual Cruise should contact Daniela Burton to determine space availability and charges at: [burtond@nyc.org](mailto:burtond@nyc.org).

## Fall First Thursdays And Food and Wine Tasting



THE WARDROOM TERRACE WITH  
A NEW LOOK!

We will be welcoming everyone back from a summer of yachting with a festive First Thursday celebration at 1830 on September 6<sup>th</sup> when Young Members will kick off the start of their fall season on the newly renovated Wardroom Terrace (weather permitting). Subsequent First Thursdays sponsored by the Young Members Committee during the calendar year, to which members of all ages and non-member guests are always

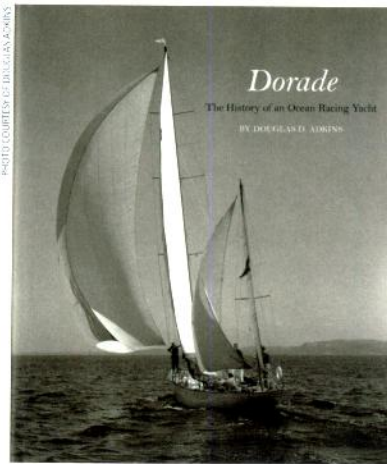
welcome, are scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>.

On Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, the Young Members Committee will be hosting a Wine and Food Tasting in the Model Room from 1830-2030 and all members are invited to attend. The event will feature representatives from vineyards and local family farms and small makers of fine cheeses in the tri-state area who will present a variety of foods and wines that have been selected for their excellent quality. Members will have the opportunity to sample the season's best flavors at their peek freshness in a special event that captures the essence of the new epicurean movement. Reservations are \$40 per person, all inclusive. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a NYYC first.

## Library Committee To Sponsor Discussion Group On Maritime Books

The Library Committee is excited to launch a new book discussion group moderated by John Rousmaniere that will take place in the 44<sup>th</sup> Street Library during the coming year. The topic of each meeting will be a different maritime work by Joseph Conrad. The discussions will alternate between shorter books such as *Typhoon*, *Youth*, and *Nigger of the Narcissus* and longer works, including *Lord Jim*, *Nostramo*, and *Mirror of the Sea*. Each session will be held between 1800 and 1930. Light refreshments will be served, and the Grill Room will be open until 2100 for those who wish to remain for dinner. The group will meet several times during the year beginning in October. For more information, please contact Vanessa Cameron at (212) 201-4338 or email [cameronv@nyyc.org](mailto:cameronv@nyyc.org).

## Fall Program Taking Shape



Events Chair Belinda Shepard is delighted to report that we have a commitment from the legendary West Coast sailor, Douglas Adkins, who will be the guest speaker at a Club Night on **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** for a presentation on *Dorade: The History of an Ocean Racing Yacht*, the equally legendary racer which, in its 82 years of sailing since its 1930

launching, gives valuable insights into the history of ocean racing and the personalities who made it great.

In addition, we have received confirmation that violinist Mira Wang will give another series of chamber music concerts sponsored by Dr. Edwin G. Fischer and the Friends of Dresden Music Foundation. The three Monday evening dates are November 5<sup>th</sup>, January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>, and the annual Christmas concert will take place in our Model Room on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Young Members Committee is well advanced in planning a gala Halloween Dance on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Awards Dinner is November 8<sup>th</sup> followed by the usual holiday festivities coming in December. So, mark these dates on your calendar now and stay tuned for future announcements.

## Wine Of The Month

The following wines will be featured:

### 44<sup>th</sup> Street

**July**  
*The Mariner 2006*  
*Dry Creek Vineyard*  
Northern Sonoma County

### Harbour Court

**July**  
*Chateau La Rame*  
*Bordeaux Blanc*  
St. Croix du Mont  
**August**  
*la Battisina Gavi*  
Piedmont