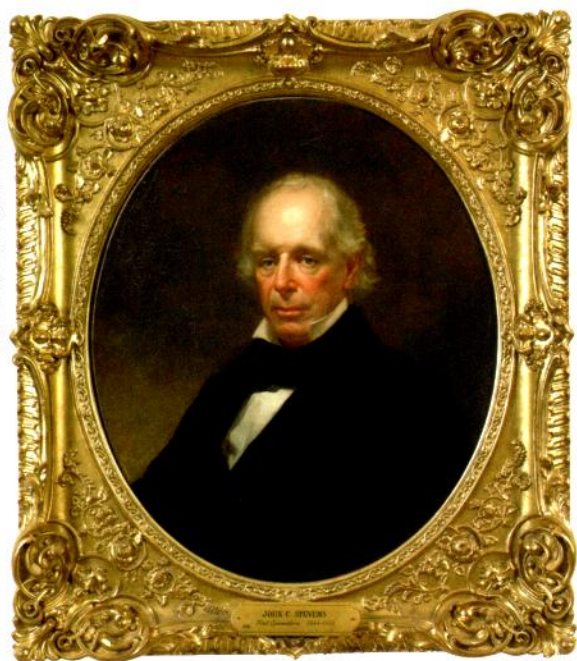




# NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

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## Heritage Weekend To Celebrate New York Yacht Club - The Early Years



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Members from all over are encouraged to sign up now for a blockbuster weekend at Harbour Court, Saturday-Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, during which the Club's founding years will be commemorated in a series of presentations and exhibits and a gala Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening.

During the course of the weekend, members will learn about the Club's founders, what brought them together, their visions for the Club, why a cruise from New York to Newport was their first action, and the early connection with the U.S. Navy. There will be discussions of the first Clubhouse and its evolution, the first Regatta, the racing boats of the day and much more, as well as how all of this relates to the Club as we know it today.

Several local organizations, such as the Museum of the City of New York, the Newport Historical Society, the Redwood Library and the Naval War College have been asked to give us their input with a speaker or exhibit describing their ties to the Club in that period.

All of this will be highlighted by a celebratory Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening. There will be a live band and the wine will flow freely as we take over the entire ground floor of Harbour Court for an evening of dancing and merriment starting with a congenial cocktail hour and fabulous dinner prepared by Executive Chef David Parisi.

This is a very special event for which we hope to bring members from

around the country to Newport. The weekend will also provide an opportunity to visit some of the town's famous museums and historical sites when they are not crowded with tourists.

*For Dinner-Dance reservations see page 6. For overnight accommodations, contact the Quartermaster desk at (401) 846-1000. Members can find updated details on the programs and exhibits posted on the members' side of the website at [www.nyyc.org/calendar](http://www.nyyc.org/calendar).*

## 2013 Panel Discussion On Prudent Seamanship In The Digital Age

The practice of traditional Seamanship, during a time when boats are becoming increasingly technological and crews are relying more and more on tools for electronic navigation with seemingly limited concern for whether the outputs "make sense," is being called into question.

On Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Seamanship Committee is planning to offer a panel discussion at 44<sup>th</sup> Street focused on the issue of risks to the crew and vessel in light of technology's challenge to responsible seamanship. Questions addressing the evaluation of an offshore sailing opportunity in light of the crew you may sail with, the boat you may sail on and the use of modern navigation electronics will be discussed by a panel top club skippers. Save the Date!



## Club Night

Rear Commodore A. Rives Potts Jr.  
To Relate A Year In The Life Of  
*Carina* At 44<sup>th</sup> Street And  
Harbour Court Club Nights

**NY** Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Two sailing legends, Rear Commodore A. Rives Potts Jr. and his 43 year old sloop *Carina*, are expected to bring many members and guests to 44<sup>th</sup> Street Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and to Harbour Court on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to hear Rear Commodore Potts give us a visual presentation and relate the unprecedented story of the *Carina's* year of exploits. After winning the Newport-Bermuda Race in 2010 by a wide margin, the *Carina* came in second in her class in the 2011 Transatlantic Race and fifth overall in the Fastnet, then crossed two oceans for the Rolex Sydney-Hobart Race. Finally, she crossed the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic, completing a round-the-world journey, to compete in the 2012 Newport-Bermuda Race.

This will be a very special opportunity to hear one of the great sailors of our era discuss what was an incomparable adventure on a truly unique racing boat.

*Chit cocktails will be served at 44<sup>th</sup> Street at 1800 followed by the presentation and dinner. Reservations are \$75 per person, all inclusive. For reservations information on the Club Night at Harbour Court, see page 9.*

## Reception For New Members

**NY** Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

New members, together with their spouses or significant others, will receive an invitation to meet the Flag Officers and key committee chairs at a special cocktail reception in the Model Room on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1800. It is hoped that proposers and seconders will join the gathering to help the new members feel welcome. There will be a short clubhouse tour for the new members and a discussion of the Club's customs and traditions. Following the reception, everyone is invited to remain for à la carte dinner in the Grill Room where the good fellowship of the evening is likely to continue.

*For planning purposes, those expecting to attend the reception are asked to either return the response form enclosed with the invitation or contact the Special Events Office at (212) 201-4336 or [banquetny@nyc.org](mailto:banquetny@nyc.org). Those planning to remain for dinner may wish to advise the Special Events office to assure the ready availability of a table.*

## Club Night

*Dorade, The History Of  
An Ocean Racing Yacht*  
With Author Douglas Adkins



DORADE SAILING IN ST. BARTHS

**NY** Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Ocean sailing was revolutionized in 1930 when Olin Stephens, based on his instincts, designed the 52 foot sloop *Dorade* that, by the standards of the day, was unusually slender and extremely lightweight with a lengthy lead keel that put the stabilizing ballast far below the waterline. *Dorade* promptly won the Transatlantic Race by more than two days and a particularly stormy Fastnet Race. She continues to sail and race, having recently completed the Newport-Bermuda Race.

NYYC member Douglas Adkins, investment banker, accomplished sailor and author of the boat's biography, *Dorade, The History of an Ocean Racing Yacht*, will join us for a Club Night on October 16<sup>th</sup> to relate the 82 year history of this legendary craft. It is also a story of the personality of Olin Stephens and the others who owned *Dorade* as well as how ocean racing has been transformed from what it was in the early thirties.

*Chit cocktails will be served at 1800 followed by the presentation and dinner. Reservations are \$75 per person, all inclusive.*

## September First Thursday Rescheduled For September 6<sup>th</sup>

First Thursday has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> instead of September 13<sup>th</sup> as reported in the July-September newsletter. The fun will begin at 1830 on the newly renovated Wardroom Terrace (or, in case of rain, in the Bar).