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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE Commodore Art Cancro

I am honored and humbled to have been elected Commodore for this season and wish to thank the Past Commodores of the Nominating Committee and you, the Membership, for putting your faith in me.

I would be remiss if I also did not thank the Board of Trustees for the 2011 season who worked very hard to make last year the success that it was. I believe that the new Board for 2012 is going to be remembered for being the most active and accomplished group in recent history. I am blessed by being supported by a truly professional group of men who know what they have to do and possess the skills needed to get the job done.

This year there are three new members to our Board: Lloyd Hardin will be the Finance Chair. Lloyd, who has a finance background in the corporate world, will be responsible for sending out and keeping track of invoicing. The only time you will hear from him is if you do not pay your bills on time! Dave Standridge will be our Bar and Restaurant Chair. Dave is a trained, professional Chef who will bring a new point of view to our Restaurant. I have been told that we can expect some new menus as well as a range of new cost cutting plans and better service. Bill Clancy will be our House Chairman. Bill is the owner of a local firm that performs a wide range of homeowner services. We have just given him a big, old house to take care of.

Returning this year are a group of people you all know well: the Flag Officers and Trustees whose names appear on page 3. I also have to thank all of our Appointees who have graciously agreed to serve in the same position as last year:

We have a lot on our plate for 2012 and the Flag Officers and Board have hit the ground running. As soon as the election was over and positions announced, the Department Chairpersons started forming Committees and discussing their task lists for the season. As of this writing, opening dates for the Bar and Restaurant have been set; we have successfully manned a Boat Show booth; the new sportswear cabinet has been built and installed; we have acquired a new forklift that will arrive in the Spring; and, thanks to the hard work and preparation of my wife Carolyn, and in spite of the unexpected snow, our members enjoyed our first event of the year, International Night.

In addition to the usual tasks for the Commodore (Finances, Events, House and Equipment, etc.) here are some things we can do together:

▪ **Membership** – Part of my job is to constantly work to maintain the level of membership at HYC. I consider it part of YOUR job to work along with Peter Trunfio to expand the level of membership. To repeat a sentence I have used before, “If each member brings in only one new member every five years, we would have over a hundred new members.” Talk to your friends, acquaintances, people on the street. Tell them what a great Club the Harlem is and that they should come over and have a look.
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Officers and Staff:

Flag Officers:

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Log Submissions Deadline:	15th of the Month

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▪ **Committees**- Each Board member here runs a department and usually cannot do it all himself. Please consider joining a committee and donating some time to it. Although, some committees require certain technical or manual skills, there are many tasks that are performed that can be done very well by any man or woman of any age in this Club. If you are unsure, just ask and I will be more than happy to help you find something constructive to do.

▪ **Events** – This is a great place to hang out but it is also a great place to party! There is a long list of events coming up in 2012 and the only way for them to be successful is if you come out and support them. I am told that there will be a couple of new things planned for this season and some old things that we never get tired of, so watch the calendar and your emails and then come out, enjoy yourselves and support the Club's activities often.

▪ **Member Communications** - the Log. Evelyn is always looking for input from the members. If you have a certain expertise that you wish to share, wish to comment on an activity or just have a story to contribute, give Ev a call.

To paraphrase Teddy Roosevelt, "We have too much to do to sit on the sidelines....Let's turn from spectators to participants."

With your help, we can make 2012 the best ever!

Art



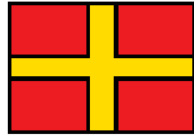
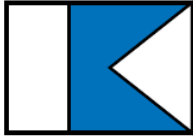
Don't forget to sign up for darts at the upcoming Darts Awards Dinner, here at the clubhouse on Saturday night, Feb. 4th, at 7 pm. It will again be catered by Dinosaur BBQ...so it's worth coming just for the food!

Darts are a great way to spend Friday nights, and there is no need to worry about being new to the game. There are players of all skill levels dispersed across all 8 teams. And, it's a great way to meet other club members.

If your schedule doesn't permit you to attend every Friday (the tournament lasts for 7 weeks), then you can sign on as a Substitute and only play when you're able.

Just contact Walt Tyler at wtyler@gmail.com so he can plan for the food. Or call him at 914-419-7300.

See you on the 4th!



2012 Board of Trustees



Peter M. Trunfio

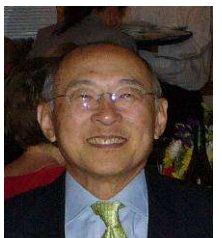


Dave Standridge

The 2012 Board of Trustees are (from left) Dan McElwreath, Jeep Califano, Rear Commodore Mark Cetta, Lloyd Hardin, Commodore Art Cancro, Dana Lauria, Vice Commodore Steve Lochner, Bob Richardson, Ken Rossner, and Bill Clancy. Trustees Peter M. Trunfio and Dave Standridge appear at left. Their areas of responsibility appear in the directory on page 2.

2012 Appointees

The 2012 Appointees are: (from left) Roger Karlebach, Fleet Captain; PC George Ross, Sportswear; Nancy Curtiss, Goodwill; Roy Smith, Race Chairman and Webmaster, Evelyn Schneider, Log Editor and Historian; and Dr.C.J.Li, Fleet Surgeon.





MONEY MATTERS AT THE HARLEM

By Dana Lauria, Treasurer

FACTS:

1. Our last financial statement showed that the total cost to the club associated with the use of credit cards by members and guests was approximately \$15,000 for 2011.
2. The assessment to members in 2011 was approximately \$15,000.
3. Our members can have a direct impact on saving the club this money...*painlessly*. How you ask?

As we all journey through these hard economic times, so do the banking and credit card companies. You have most likely received a notice from your bank indicating that bank fees have changed and not to your benefit. And so it goes for HYC.

Several years back our membership consisted of many members who took their time fulfilling their financial obligation to the club. This behavior required the club to find alternative means to sustain positive cash flow. We encouraged members to pay their bills using credit cards. The member got mileage points from the credit card company and the club received payment in a timely fashion. We all won.

Well times have changed. Current membership now pays bills in a more timely fashion. However, when bills are paid with credit cards the fees incurred by the club are extensive.

Therefore, in an attempt to lower these fees, we encourage club members to use other means to fulfill their financial obligation to the club.

1. Instead of using your credit card to pay HYC, “**send us a check.**” Or,
2. **Use online banking.** Your financial institution sends us a check and you do not have to contend with postage.

CHITS:

Another area where members can have a direct impact on saving the club money is how we use our chits. Many members use their chits to pay, not only their food bill, but also the tax and tips. Tax and tips account for nearly 27% of the total bill (Tips 18%, Sales Tax 8.75%). This adds up to approximately \$20,000 a year that the club does not see. The board has discussed this issue and considered several alternatives, the best option being in your hands. If you just **pay your tips with cash**, your server would greatly appreciate this, as would your yacht club. Consider paying all your tips in cash.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Dana M. Lauria
Treasurer

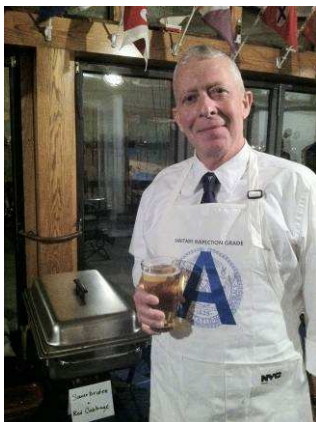


INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

By Carolyn Cancro



Undaunted by Mother Nature's roadblock, over 60 hungry HYC'ers made their way to City Island on Saturday, January 21st, for the much-beloved tradition of International Night. They were well rewarded!! Amid the warmth of the fireplace and good friends, we enjoyed a menu of diversity (a South African dessert, Mexican food, sushi, traditional Jewish and Italian dishes, to name a few) and beauty (Dave V's amazing paella—pretty as a picture in his special paella pan); and the quality of the dishes was exceptional. Thanks to all who braved the elements to attend this event; and a special thank-you to those who so generously helped out—Rowena Lochner and Linda Cetta; Diane Lages, who answered my questions with the "voice of experience;" Peter Green, who manned the ovens; Kate Green, who also assembled one of our door prizes; Bob and Joan Richardson, who came on Friday as well, to move tables, set up, and decorate; Ellen Murphy, Mary Jane McElwreath; our newest members, Gene Black and Chris Timmons, who pitched right in; and of course, our magnificent Board, who served with aplomb. All of these people, and more, helped make this night a great success.





HYC HOLIDAY PARTY

Because the weather cooperated this year, Santa was able to make his entrance in his traditional nautical style, via TowBoatUS. He was greeted by a throng of excited kids and adults who were awaiting him on the deck. They all had just feasted on a scrumptious holiday brunch served by the Board. Everyone enjoyed seeing the name of their boat on the snowscene which was set up in the Lounge. Then Santa presented each child with a gift, and they had their pictures taken together. Even the Staff got in on the action. A wonderful time was had by all!



Thai Hot and ILENE Meet

By Roger Karlebach

Some members may not have noticed the new section of the new Club website which describes and links the reader to four blogs that are being maintained by Harlemites who are far from City Island. This section of the website shows the reach of the Harlem's cruising community. Unlike the former British Empire, the sun does set on the Harlem Burgee, but we are pretty spread out onto different time zones. In order of the seniority of the blogs, these are maintained by PC Craig and Nancy Briggs on Sangaris in Europe, PC Dick and Elle Lassman on Summer Wind in Florida, Roger and Ilene Karlebach on ILENE in the Caribbean and Bob and Laura Fleno on Thai Hot, also in the Caribbean. Anyone with some time and a desire for sea stories told by their friends during the New York winter non-boating season can spend some pleasant time with any of these blogs; each has its own unique format, style, and of course, content.



Standing, Roger & Ilene Karlebach; seated, Laura & Bob

Well, it had to happen. With *ILENE* traveling north toward home this winter and *Thai Hot* heading south, their wakes had to cross. The fateful days were January 15 and 16 in Saint Martin. *Thai Hot* was anchored in Marigot Bay, off the coast of the northern French side of St. Martin flying the French tricolor courtesy flag while *ILENE* was anchored in Simpson Bay Lagoon on the Dutch side, called Sint Maarten, with the courtesy flag of the Netherlands Antilles. The border is less guarded or enforced than the US-Canadian border used to be before 9/11. Free passage is permitted with no checkpoints whatsoever. Rather, flags appear at the side of the road to mark the location of the peaceful border. And Simpson Bay Lagoon is a big lake: think Block Island's Great Salt Pond but with

two cuts, one in each nation and it is far, far bigger. The fastest way to get from one side to the other is not on the one-lane traffic-clogged road around the lagoon but by dink. And while shopping is better on the duty free Dutch side, eating is definitely better on the French side.

A planned Saturday breaking of bread together on the French side was thwarted by a bridge tender on the Dutch side who apparently had a hot date of his own and lowered the bridge when *ILENE* was only 100 yards from it for the 1700 ingoing opening, saying: "Too late; see you tomorrow." Arguing with a closed bridge is fruitless so *ILENE* anchored out in Simpson Bay.

On Sunday, January 15, after entering, anchoring and clearing customs on the Dutch side we dinked over and dined in a restaurant that fronts the little square Marina de la Port Royale, at the northern end of the lagoon. We learned that very few restaurants or other businesses are open on Sunday. We discovered that we all like good French food and the Flenos delayed their departure for a day to join us again the next night at our favorite restaurant on the island, Bistro Nu: hidden in an alley, small, non-nouvelle French Cuisine. Between us we ate, among other things, pate, gratinee, leeks vinaigrette, steak tartare, frogs legs, broiled veal kidneys, cheese plate and crème brulee, oh, and two bottles of Cotes du Rhone. An off diet but very memorable meal.


Exchanging SIM cards, books, stories and local knowledge of the places we had been made for two very pleasant evenings. It's great to meet old friends far from home on a long voyage. Current plans are for both boats to return to Eastchester Bay early in the summer.

P.S. We were here for the completion of Laura Dekker's circumnavigation, and photos are on the blog. -Roger

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Coming Events

FEBRUARY			MARCH		
4	7:00 PM	Darts Dinner	2,9,16,23	7:45 PM	Darts
6	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	2		Bar Opens
6	7:00 PM	Book Club	5	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
10,17,24	7:45 PM	Darts	5	7:30 PM	Book Club
			17	5:00 PM	Membership Meeting
			17	7:00 PM	St. Patrick's Day Party
			25	TBA	Cruise Meeting
			