

New York Classic Week 2007 Daily Bulletin

Wednesday, October 3

Dear Classic Week Participants,

This is a daily update to let you know what is going on.

The Sailing Instructions and course sheet have been posted at www.nyharborsailing.com. If you need us to help you get copies, please call Julie Smith at 917-656-0557. She can print copies from the web and bring them to your boat.

Mount Gay Rum hats are being distributed to the yachts when they arrive. If you have not received your hats, please check with Julie.

2007 is the first New York Classic Week. We thank you very much for being part of the inaugural event! Currently, there are 13 yachts entered over 5 divisions. Most of the yachts will race in the main event on Saturday. For today's first proposed event, the "Introduction to the Harbor Race," we only have interest from 3 yachts. Therefore, the Race Committee has decided to not hold an organized race today but instead encourage yachts to go sailing in the harbor as they wish.

The Intro to the Harbor Race will be held Thursday as a combination with Corporate Day. Since this is the first year, much of the schedule is a series of place holders for what we hope will grow to an enjoyable and rewarding format for the sailors and owners.

Tonight is a Welcoming Party with free Mount Gay Rum & tonics (soda, beer & wine at normal prices). This will be held on the Honorable William Wall, our floating clubhouse in the harbor. You get to and from the clubhouse by riding on "Admiral's Launch," the blue 40ft US Navy utility boat which departs from the end of Dock F. The first launch is at 5:15 p.m. and then continues every 1/2 hour. The normal \$10 launch fee will be waived for all Classic Yacht sailors. In addition to welcoming our classic yacht sailors, there will be a New Member's Party on the clubhouse this evening. It is possible that the clubhouse will fill up so we encourage you to go early. If you can attend this party, please bring a sweater or jacket and maybe some chips or food. There are drinks but no food out there. There is music and sometimes, the atmosphere gets quite lively.

The race will begin at 12 noon tomorrow, Thursday. Then there will be the Concours d'Elegance judging on Thursday evening. It will start at 5 p.m. Full details will be announced in the Thursday morning bulletin. Rumor has it that the judges will include the beautiful Moet & Chandon rep and that the prizes will be large bottles of Moet champagne. Rumor also has it that two of the judges will be famous models - only in NYC! We shall see. The rumor mill is also circulating that on Saturday, there will be a special gathering of the owner and one additional representative of each yacht. This gathering will be to vote "Overall Regatta Champion." The gathering may be sponsored by Moet and held aboard a new 157 foot mega yacht owned by a famous New York socialite. We have to see which of these rumors comes to fruition.

Best wishes to you and Welcome to Dennis Conner's North Cove!

Sincerely, Commodore Michael W. Fortenbaugh