



**GREATER NASHVILLE'S OLDEST YACHTING MONTHLY**

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# Fourth of July 2009 at HIYC

All of those members who attended the Fourth of July celebration this year not only got to celebrate Independence day at HIYC, but had the honor of being witness to the blessing of the fleet as well as our new Committee Boat's official re-naming ceremony. The ceremony was eloquently performed by member Gene Lovelace, a real life Chaplain! The name Bob-N-Jack was submitted to the Board during the Boat Naming Contest headed up by Donna



Copeland. Although many great names were anonymously presented to the Board, **Bob'n'Jack** was chosen since it appropriately honors former Race Committee steadies Bob Wolery and Jack Caldwell, both of whom are no longer with us and are truly missed. These two gentlemen essentially were the Race Committee for many years at HIYC. A special thanks goes out to Jack and Noroma Benz for their hard work organizing and hosting this years celebration.



Bob'n'Jack



Dear Sailing Friends,

The theme this month is tolerance. So why is the picture one of me at fifteen years of age holding a six-foot rattler? It goes back to another story of my crazy Florida childhood that shaped the person I am today. Growing up, we saw big rattlers on our lake property about once or twice a year, indicating that they were actually quite rare. Our method of dealing with them was to hunt them down and hack them to death (alligators were listed on the endangered species list for the same reason—hunting and hacking). In later years my family developed a different attitude toward living creatures and the environment. If we saw a big rattler at the lake, we would capture it and remove it to a dense forest where there was shelter and water. When my brother sent me this picture recently, I realized that I am a more tolerant person now than I was then—I was actually appalled that we had taken the life of such a magnificent creature just because we considered it to be a threat. I think we as a society are becoming more tolerant of others whom we consider to be threats because they have different lifestyles and more importantly different opinions than our own. I happened to mention the theme of tolerance to our daughter who is working in LA. She said, “How funny, we passed a sign on the road that was advertising the Museum of Tolerance and wondered what it was all about”. To quote from the museum’s web page, *“A peaceful future depends on our everyday acts and gestures. Let us educate for tolerance in our schools and communities, in our homes and workplaces and, most of all, in our hearts and minds.”*



How does this relate to our beloved yacht club? We are similar to a big family—like cousins at a reunion. You really want to like all of your cousins, yet you just aren’t going to get along with all of them. But you tolerate them—in a nice way. You might have harsh words, you might get upset, but you eventually get over it and move on because you are family! At the yacht club we have one common goal—to enjoy and promote our sport of sailing. We must work together for the betterment of our club and our sport. Do not hesitate to speak your mind, volunteer to help, party with your friends, sail your boat, compete intensely in races, make constructive suggestions, but... be tolerant of others. These are all important functions of being members of our club family and larger community.

Fall sailing season is upon us! We had great fun at the Shrimp Boil. It was a beautiful night and the meal was delicious thanks to social committee Susan Trigg, Patty Grissom and Bruce Campbell. We have gone too long without a regatta. We’ll celebrate the start of the fall sailing season with the Sunday before Labor Day Cookout and Fireworks (pray for stars). The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, trimmings, and dessert. The Mentor Regatta has been brought back by popular demand—novice sailors will race a one day regatta with one or two mentors (experienced and sometimes seasoned sailors) aboard. This is a fun way for new and old members to get to know each other and begin to sail together. Later in September we will have the Iron Skillet Regatta and Lotsa Lasers Regatta. The McDougall Cruiser Regatta with Wine Tasting and Piano Bar and McDougall Open Regatta are a great start to our October race schedule. There are many ways to participate in these activities: skipper, crew, race committee, kitchen help, or enthusiastic spectator.

I’d also like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our newest members Ed Brannon, John & Leah Richardson, David & Carolyn Brandon, JD Powell, Tom & Tricia Potter, Gary & Bridgett Cerritto, and Rick & Claudia Beesley.

I’ll see you watching fireworks on a beautiful, clear Sunday before Labor Day evening,

Barbara

*You and your family are cordially invited to the*

## **Commodore's Labor Day Cookout**

**Sunday, September 6th, 2009**

Bring out the family and join us at the club Sunday afternoon for a cookout hosted by Commodore Ward. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided (***FREE***) by the club. The cookout is slated to begin around 5:00 PM. Bring your own drinks and sides. Hang around after and/or plan to spend the night on your boat.

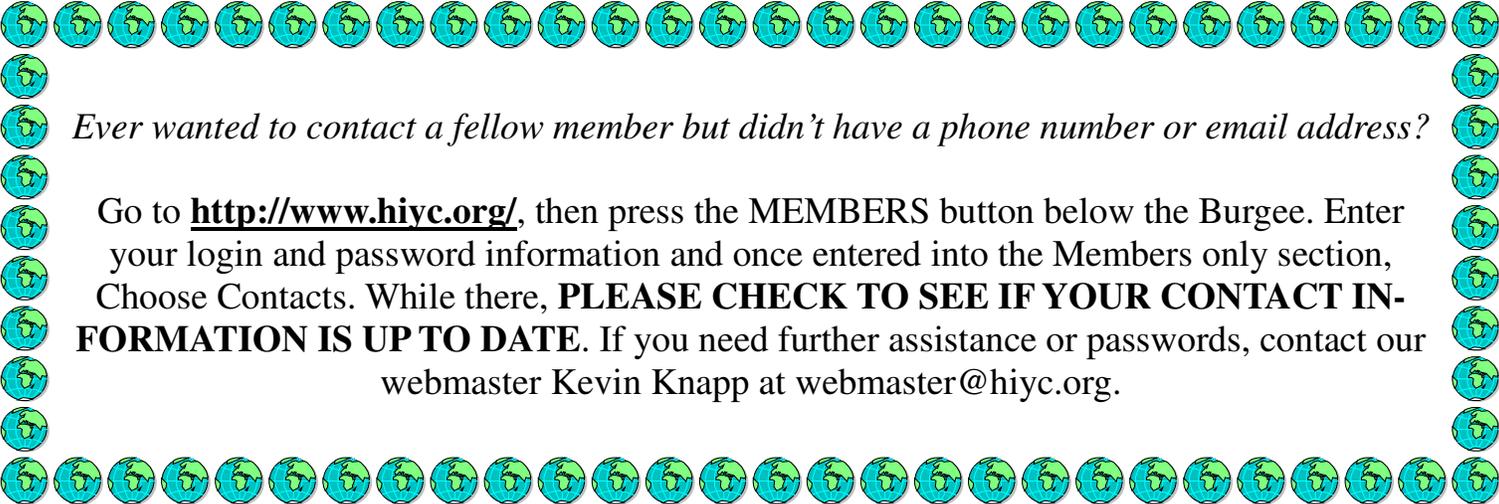
## **Fireworks at Dark**

We plan to shoot off the fireworks that are left over from the 4th of July Celebration and the July Quarterly Meeting.

*(Commodore Ward says third time's the charm!)*



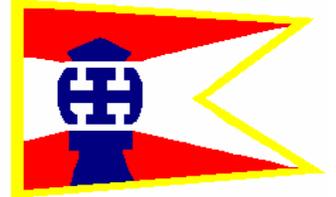
To the left is your *Yachting Club of America* Reciprocity Courtesy Card for 2010. This card is made available to you for identification when visiting clubs listed in the REGISTER OF AMERICA YACHT CLUBS, published annually by YCA. Go to [http://www.ycaol.com/club\\_search.htm](http://www.ycaol.com/club_search.htm) to check if a particular club you plan on visiting is listed.



*Ever wanted to contact a fellow member but didn't have a phone number or email address?*

Go to <http://www.hiyc.org/>, then press the MEMBERS button below the Burgee. Enter your login and password information and once entered into the Members only section, Choose Contacts. While there, **PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE.** If you need further assistance or passwords, contact our webmaster Kevin Knapp at [webmaster@hiyc.org](mailto:webmaster@hiyc.org).

## THE BURGEE



The HIYC burgee was designed in 1963. Two people influenced me in its design. First was Mr. Hitechew, the physics teacher at the Atlanta Boys' High School when I was a senior in 1934. The second was the late John McDougall, former member, Commodore and friend who was also responsible for the impressive entry to Harbor Island, including the stone lighthouse.

Mr. Hitechew was an intense little man on a mission to make a scientist out of each of his students. One of his favorites scientist was Augustin-Jean Fresnel, the French physicist in the early 19th century who had contributed to the wave theory of light and studied polarized light. He invented the Fresnel (**pronounced fray-nell**) lens for lighthouses and other beacons. The lens substituted a stack of angled ridges for a thick solid lens providing much more light and less bulk. The lens caused an immediate revolution worldwide in lighthouses and smaller lamps such as masthead and anchor lights and is the basis for modern day sheet magnifiers for reading and for expanding the rear view mirrors in vehicles.

For our burgee, the lighthouse design came easily enough but the white beam of light which would progress horizontally from the Fresnel lens angles up and down in the burgee! I've been waiting for a challenge on this conflict however almost half a century has passed so I'm claiming artists' license!

Lloyds Register of American yacht clubs had the burgees in color. Lighthouses figured in several but none resembled ours. We were added to the listing. A few years later Bob Llovet suggested the gold edging so it was added and the burgee has flown proudly, unchanged since then.

No story about the burgee would be complete without recognition of our Johnny Appleseed, Richard Rust. Richard and Ellen have exchanged burgees with the hundreds of yacht clubs who's burgees now decorate our walls in the clubhouse. These trades are not always easy. We were visiting friends in White Lake and decided to stop by and ask to swap burgees with the Mackinac Island Yacht Club. Upon walking in, I asked the secretary at the door and she initially refused the swap however she informed me that their annual meeting was going on and suggested she ask them. They took a vote and traded burgees for the first time in the history of their ancient club!

Cully Cobb

*Note from the Editor:*

*The article above is from one of our founding members Dr. Cully Cobb. This is third in the series Early Times at Harbor Island in which Cully has graciously agreed to put some of his earliest memories of our club in writing for all to enjoy. - Dave*

# SAILBOAT FOR SALE

## 30 FT. ALBIN BALLAD

### “FRAGGLE ROCK”

1979 SWEDISH BUILT 1/2 TON INTERNATIONAL OCEAN RACER. SOLID CRUISING BOAT WITH A 9 SAIL INVENTORY. ALL HARKIN HARDWARE WITH OVER-SIZED SELF TAILING WINCHES. SOLID DECK, NO SOFT SPOTS, AND NO BLISTERS ON BOTTOM. 13 HP VOLVO DIESEL ENGINE. TEAK CABIN HAS 6FT HEAD ROOM, STOVE, ICE BOX, NAV. STATION, INCLOSED HEAD AND SLEEPS 4 COMFORTABLY.  
CONTACT KENT MARTIN AT [kmarweather@hotmail.com](mailto:kmarweather@hotmail.com) OR CALL HIM AT 754-4150.



## Get Well Soon Norm !



There's a new restaurant open at Old Hickory Boat Dock.———

**The Black Pearl  
Restaurant at  
Black Jack Cove  
(Old Hickory Boat Dock)**

Several members have already eaten there and the report thus far is good. You can contact them at 847-4022. They are open Sunday through Thursday, 11AM—12PM, Friday and Saturdays until 1 AM.

Join Gerry Levine and friends who are planning to head down for a fun filled evening dining and enjoying the live entertainment at the Black Pearl on Saturday October 17th. The plans are to Leave the Harbor around 4:30- Dinner at 5:30. Contact Gerry at 202-1152 and let him know if you are planning on attending so he can try and reserve space. Some may want to stay the night there and partake in their Sunday Morning Bruch.

### —Wanted—

8'-2" long, 1-1/4" or about in diameter Spinnaker pole. Contact Jim and Libby Spears @ 655-5531.

Plan on attending the  
**Annual HIYC  
Wine Tasting Party**  
Saturday, October 10th  
Look for details in next months Anchorline.

## Congratulations are in order to Rebecca Hofmeister

Rebecca finished 12th out of 31 boats in the Green Fleet at the 2009 International Lightning Class North American Championship held at the Sodus Bay Yacht Club, Sodus Point, NY. She was also awarded with the top skipper trophy and presented with the Swanson Award as well. Thank you for representing Harbor Island in such a positive and competitive manner. We are very proud of you Rebecca!

### LOTSA LASERS 2009 NOTICE OF RACE

Harbor Island Yacht Club invites you to sail in the thirty-fourth annual Lotsa Lasers Regatta on Old Hickory Lake **September 26-27, 2009**. We plan short-course races following **three**-minute starting sequences governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing with changes made to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recalls will be hailed), A2 (Scoring to exclude a "throw out" if six or more races are completed) and 67 with respect to 42 (Propulsion will result in an excludable disqualification) as detailed in the sailing instructions. These may be reviewed at the website, [www.hiyc.org](http://www.hiyc.org) (.Regattas .Lotsa Lasers) along with directions (.About HIYC .Driving Directions and .Map) and weather. Breakfast and lunches will be provided and there will be a lasagna dinner Saturday night. And there will be awards...for the top three juniors (age 17 and under) and for the top "new junior" (sailing in a district Laser regatta for the first time)...for the first lady...apprentice master (35-44), master (45-54), grand master (55-64), great grand master (65 and over), featherweight (under 60 kg), Clydesdale (over 80 kg)...and for the top four finishers overall. All will be eligible for the dreaded MOP (middle of the pack) and for the highly prized Bookend Award (presented to the skipper who starts in every race and finishes with the highest point total). **Radials** will compete as a separate class for "top three" awards.

The registration fee will be \$35 which includes lunches Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. ILCA members will receive a \$5 discount. Please present your ILCA membership card when you register! Juniors will also receive a \$10 discount. Saturday only sailors' fee \$20. Sunday only sailors' fee \$15.

Please call Bruce Richards at (615) 383-8749 ([rich4302@comcast.net](mailto:rich4302@comcast.net)) if you have any questions or if we can assist you with your planning. If you plan to arrive Friday night, you will need to call to obtain the combination to the gate across the causeway. If you would like to use one of HIYC's boats to sail in this event, contact William Killebrew (615) 665-2722 ([billkillebrew@bellsouth.net](mailto:billkillebrew@bellsouth.net)).

#### SCHEDULE

SATURDAY SEPT 26	1000 HOURS	Registration
	1130	Skippers' meeting
	1145	Lunch
	1300	First race with others to follow
	1830	Dinner
SUNDAY SEPT 27	0800	Breakfast
	1000	More races (no starts after 1230)
	1330	Lunch and trophy presentation

Sign up to sail in the  
**2009 MENTOR REGATTA**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

*Each novice skipper can have up to two experienced sailors assigned as crew*

Coffee and doughnuts: 9:00

Skipper's Meeting 10:00

Start 11:00

*Call or email Barbara to "hire" a mentor to crew for you in the regatta!*

*665-0335 or barbara.ward@belmont.edu*

**The 2009 Iron Skillet**

Saturday, September 19th

**Registration opens 9:00 AM, skippers meeting 10:00 AM with first start planned for 11:00 AM, see NOR.** Dinner will be served immediately after the race. It is the intent of the Regatta Chairs to have racing completed by approximately 3:30 PM if possible. Don't miss this opportunity to prove your sailing and culinary skills!

*History of the Iron Skillet:* The Iron Skillet Regatta was established on the questionable premise that a winning skipper can be a winning chef. Each year, the winning skipper and crew are given an "Iron Skillet" trophy to be used the following year to prepare dinner for all regatta participants. The winner also serves as regatta chairman the next year. The finishes are often bizarre, since many boats often stack up around the finish line until someone gets pushed over and declared winner. While the results may not always rank in Betty Caldwell's top ten for culinary excellence, recent winners have spared little effort in making up with expedience what is lacking in elegance.

Mark Your Calendars

**2009 McDougal Regattas**

Cruising Regatta October 10 & 11, 2009

Open Regatta October 17 & 18, 2009

NOR & Sailing Instructions will be on the HIYC Website after 9/01/09

If you have any questions, please contact JB Copeland at 615-948-1678



## NOTICE OF RACE

*2009 Highland Yacht Club Spring Regatta – September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Highland Yacht Club, Woods Reservoir  
Tullahoma, Tennessee*

Highland Yacht Club is pleased to announce our upcoming 2009 Fall Regatta. Our annual Spring Regatta is open to the public and we would like to invite everyone to enjoy a weekend of racing, great food, and fun. All sailors are welcome to join us!

### Rules

The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions will govern this Regatta.

### Expected Classes

Open Dinghy

Open Catamaran

Open Cruiser

### Entry Fee

\$40 (less \$5 with US Sailing membership) includes all meals and beverages for the skipper. Additional tickets for all meals and drinks are \$30 for the weekend and are available separately.

### Schedule

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 Pre-Registration Party

<u>Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup></u>		<u>Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup></u>	
9:00	Registration & Brunch	8:00	Breakfast
10:30	Skipper's Meeting	9:30	Racing
11:30	Racing Begins	12:30	Lunch
6:00	Dinner	2:00	Awards

### Hotels/Motels (Located in Manchester off I-24)

Ambassador Inn	(800) 237-9228	Expressway	(931) 728-9651
Hampton Inn	(931) 728-3300	Ramada	(931) 728-0800
Holiday Inn Express	(931) 728-9383	Red Roof	(931) 728-5177
Days Inn	(931) 728-9530	On Site Camping	Limited Space

### Contacts

Max Hailey (Regatta Chairperson) ( [mhailey@utsi.edu](mailto:mhailey@utsi.edu) ) (931) 454-9540

Andy Myrick (PRO) ( [amvrick@vallnet.com](mailto:amvrick@vallnet.com) ) (931) 438-0096

## Sea Scout News



I ended our article in the last news letter talking about our upcoming trip to Pensacola Florida. As our departure date was nearing it was becoming increasingly clear to me that I would not be able to attend due to work. I had convinced myself that this was ok. But around 1 week before the departure date things turned around and I was now free to go. And boy was I ready to go.

Saturday morning July 18th we meet at HIYC and prepared to hit the road. Unlike several recent trips we were car pooling instead of taking the church bus often provided by Hermitage United Methodist Church. Being in the same vehicle is wonderful but this week the bus was in use by another group. So off we went. And within just a few minutes we had a vehicle to not make a turn and get lost. (And we had not even made it to the interstate yet.) Ok this was a pattern we would see more than once on the trip. But it became more of a joke than anything else. The trip down went with few other glitches and we were soon at the campus of Western Florida where we were to be staying. Another note: we ate many meals very inexpensively at the Naval Base's Galley. We could feed 17 for around \$25-\$32 depending on the meal.

Sunday we headed out to the marina where we were renting two boats for the day. And we only got lost once in route. Did I mention that we had a GPS in the lead car! Rain storms had just moved through but the forecast looked real good. We loaded up gear and personnel on a Beneteau 33 and Hunter 28. The channel heading out of the marina was very narrow and full of challenging curves. Once out in the bay the kids got to work doing their typical navigating. And as in the past it was really neat to watch all the things we've been working on come together for the kids. I should note that we were on the intercoastal water way and there is commercial traffic. So wouldn't you know the only commercial traffic we saw was an Ingram Barge just like we see on Old Hickory Lake! We motor sailed around 5 miles to an anchorage where we rafted the boats together and had lunch. Afterwards most went for a swim. But then around 1:00PM the wind started to blow. Thus we broke up the raft up and headed towards the gulf for some sailing fun.

Upon getting to the outlet we noted a LOT of current. Actually more current then the max speed of our boats. We were headed out to sea want to or not. Additionally there was very large and confused chop which actually made for a great ride.

Once out in the Gulf we decided to spend a couple of hours sailing and waiting for the tide to turn or at least slow down. Long story short it took 2 hours to make a 1 mile stretch on our return. But we were rewarded with a wonderful reach at hull speed all the way back to the marina. Once back at the marina we noted that the water was way down.

Yes this is the ocean where there are tides but this looked much lower than expected. Turned out the normal 2 foot tide was 3 foot that day due to a solar eclipse in Europe. Both boats were very careful coming back in but the Hunter still found the bottom just inside a curve. We attempted to pull them off with the Beneteau but could not. Ended up using a dingy and long line from the mast head to drag them off. The kids learned a lot that day and we were happy when the charter owners reaction was: "Sounds like the kids had a great learning experience."

Monday was spent at the Air force Museum and then ended with an evening run to the beach. While at the museum we had arranged to have front row seats for a Blue Angles practice Tuesday morning. We had to get there early but the show was well worth it. The remainder of the day was spent at the beach. A wonderful beach with very few people around. That evening we had our one big dinner at a local sea food restaurant and then headed to a local fort near the inlet to the Gulf where we had spent so much time making that one mile back into the bay. It was a wonderful way to end the trip. Oh yeah the trip Wednesday back to Nashville went without incident.

So already the kids and adults are talking about next year's trip. I wonder where we'll end up going in 2010? One thing for sure. We'll have fun and the kids will learn.

Andy and Cathy Griswold



David Desforges  
111 Rea Drive  
Hermitage, TN 37076



# Harbor Island Yacht Club

*Located on Old Hickory Lake*

## 2009 Officers

Commodore—Barbara Ward  
Vice Commodore—J.B. Copeland  
Secretary—David Desforges  
Treasurer—Fred Beesley  
Rear Commodore—Larry Boroviak  
Senior Governor—Jack Benz  
Governor—Greg Theriot  
Junior Governor—Jamie Totten

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### September 2009

Thurs-3	Thursday Evening Race (6:00 start)
Sun-6	Labor Day Cookout and Fireworks
Thurs-10	Thursday Evening Race (6:00 start)
Sat-12	Mentor Regatta
Sun-13	KLSC Watkins Cup
Mon-14	Board Meeting
Thurs-17	Thursday Evening Race (6:00 start)
Sat-19	Iron Skillet
Tues-22	Autumnal Equinox
Thurs-24	Thursday Evening Race (6:00 start)
Sat-26	Lotsa Lasers Regatta
Sun-27	Lotsa Lasers Regatta

### October 2009

Thurs-1	Thursday Evening Race (6:00 start)
Sat-3	PPYC Octoberfest Regatta @ HCM
Thurs-8	Thursday Evening Race (6:00 start)
Sat-10	McDougall Cruiser Regatta Wine Tasting
Sun-11	McDougall Cruiser Regatta HIYC Quarterly Meeting 4
Mon-12	Board Meeting
Thur-15	Thursday Evening Race (6:00 start)
Sat-17	McDougall Open Regatta KLCS Riddle Cup 50K
Sun-18	McDougall Open Regatta
Thur-22	Last Thursday Evening Race (6:00 start)
Sat-24	Fall Cleanup Day PPYC Equalizer One Design @ HCM
Sun-25	PPYC Equalizer One Design @ HCM