

# THE ANCHORLINE

Harbor Island Yacht Club

GREATER NASHVILLE'S OLDEST YACHTING MONTHLY

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Start of Race 1 of the 2011 Tennessean Regatta

# Cheeseburger In Paradise

Sat May 28th @ 5:30



BEER!

margaritas!

burgers &  
hotdogs & all  
the fixins!!

LIVE MUSIC!

\$10 a person - \$5 under 12  
bring a side dish to share

Friends & Fellow Sailors,



Wow! That pretty much sums up my description of the sailing and activities around HIYC in April. The Tennessean Regatta for Cruisers started off Saturday with winds 10 – 15 mph, and then built to a steady 20+ mph, with gusts over 30 mph. I had the pleasure of sailing with my friend, Brock Short, on his J-100, which he recently brought home from Montana. What an awesome ride on a beautiful boat, all on a day complete with neck-and-neck sailing, lead changes, sail changes, wild asymmetric spinnaker rides and one more thing....can you say B-R-O-A-C-H? Oh, what fun!

Saturday night brought one of the best parties I have ever attended at our club. We had an estimated 150 in attendance from both HIYC and Percy Priest Yacht Clubs. Our guests from PPYC were appreciative of the invite, and there was even talk of PPYC inviting HIYC to their next big event; maybe we've started something. The band "Groovin' Moo" played for almost four hours, and the Tennessee-themed food and beverages put together by Social Chairs Beverly Caldwell and Beth Marshall were a huge success. Thanks once again to the A-Team (*with additional help from Bruce Campbell*) for yet another wonderful event.

Sunday brought with it winds of 10-15 mph with gusts in the mid 20's. Though a little more subdued from the previous day, the sailing was fantastic and the competition fierce. We had seventeen boats in four fleets competing in this year's regatta. Congratulations to all the winners, and fortunately, short of Scott Thomas's rudder, and the Beasley's battens, there weren't any major breakdowns or casualties to my knowledge. With the winds such as they were, that's a true testament to the caliber of sailors at HIYC. I'd like to extend a special thanks to PRO Robert Mattix for running one of the most organized Tennesseans I can recall. Nice job Robert!

The next weekend, I had planned on helping PRO Paul Latour on race committee for the Tennessean Buoy Regatta, but received a last minute offer to crew for Sean Clare on his J-22. With coaxing from John Robertson, and PRO Paul Latour's "*I'd rather have sailors sailing*" philosophy, I informed Sean I was in. Once again, WOW! Saturday started off with the threat of thunderstorms and winds 18 – 25 with gusts around 30 mph. There were six J-22s and two Lightnings to brave the fierce winds for the start. I noticed one Lightning had to abandon after starting and we had one J-22 take a nasty spill, bad enough that I saw their keel as I looked over my shoulder several times! That left five boats in our fleet which were spread sporadically throughout the course. After two windward/leeward legs, complete with spinnaker runs on the edge, all five boats finished within seconds of each other! You've got love one design sailing!

Sunday started off with very little wind, but steadily built throughout the day, giving us 10 – 15 mph winds generally out of the southwest. We had three Lightnings and six J-22s, and easily got in five races in less than 5 hours. The competition was brutal and positions changed constantly. As James Taylor sings, it was one of those "*Sunny days that I thought would never end.*" Once again, I must thank the PRO, Paul Latour and the rest of the race committee, for a well- run Regatta, and most especially, Sean Clare, for allowing me to "hop around" on his foredeck for two days.

Finishing off what was the best single sailing month I personally have ever had at HIYC, was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Konesky Great River Race. Last year's race marked the birth of HIYC's JAM Fleet, consistently one of our largest fleets throughout the past year. With Chuck Konesky's desire to "get more people out racing" and the persistence of Gene Lovelace, the JAM fleet continues to flourish. This year's race took place in absolute perfect sailing conditions; temperatures in the high 70's accompanied by winds around 15 mph, with gust in the high 20 mph range. We had three fleets, including 4 boats in the JAM fleet, all reveling in the most ideal conditions any sailor could ask for. The A & B fleets sailed an approximate 22 mile course while the JAM Fleet sailed around 11 miles. Everyone finished within an hour or so of one another, a testament to PRO John Robertson and the race committee's skill. They did a wonderful job, even when calling the boat I was sailing on (Brocks J-100) over early! I guess my Commodore Flag flying on the shrouds garners no favors after all.....

The annual Cheeseburger in Paradise Party is Saturday night, May 28<sup>th</sup>. As most of you know, this event has been famous (*or infamous as some might argue*) for lots of fun, great food and lively entertainment. I can guarantee this year will be no exception. The festivities begin at 5:30 PM and as noted on the previous page, there is a \$10 cover charge for the hamburgers, hotdogs as well as the Band. Please bring a side dish or desert to share. Hope you don't miss this one!

See you at the club,

Dave Desforges



# HIYC Sailing Camp 2011

June 6 through 10th

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June 27th through July 1st

Since 1988, HIYC has been proud to host Sail Camp, a junior sailing camp for ages 7 and up. During each week long camp, children learn the fundamentals of sailing as well as safety around the water. They participate in both class time as well as on the water and in the boats training. If you have, or know of a child that would be interested in attending Sail Camp, please visit the Youth section on the HIYC website <http://www.hiyc.org/Youth/HIYC-SailingCamp.htm> for more information, or call Bill Killebrew at (615) 665-2722.



## Join the Commodore and his wife for a *Moonlight Cruise*



June 11, 2011

The full moon is Wednesday, June 15th, so we are planning to go out for an evening sail the Saturday before to enjoy a summer evening beneath the moon and stars. If the weather is uncooperative, we have planned on the following Saturday night, June 18th, as an alternate date, even though the moon rise will be late.

This is not a "club sponsored" event so it is a BYOE (*bring your own everything*) event. If there isn't any wind, we'll plan on motoring out and either rafting up for cocktails or maybe even going to Black Jack Cove.

*Look for further details in Friday email blasts as the date draws near.*



**Ready for sunshine and warm breeze?**



Bruce Richards brother-in-law Robert Anderson, called by the sea and inspired by fellow HIYC member Scott Howard, abandoned plant management and trained to become a licensed captain and certified ASA instructor after sailing his Westsail 42 from Seattle, FL to Panama City, FL last year. Now "Cap'n Bob" steers **FIDELITY**, a Jenneau 46, in the British Virgin Islands for parties of four for \$1100 a day...which covers food, drink and ASA training. At anchor, Bob has a guitar in hand and a Buffett repertoire by heart ("It's Been a Lovely Cruise" at sunset in Soper's Hole remains one of my fondest memories of a cruise our families shared several years ago) and his wife Debbie serves as hostess and cook.

In mid-June they sail from the BVI to the Grenadines. They would be happy to host you and yours before, during or after that passage. You may contact them at [www.sailisv.com](http://www.sailisv.com) or call the boat's satellite phone at 340 677-0090.





## Sea Scout News

It has been a cold and windy spring making it difficult to get much work done on boats. But we had a planned Venturing Spring Rendezvous at Boxwell Boy Scout Camp to get ready for and even with the cold the Sea Scouts came through and got boats and gear ready for our trip.

For the first day of our adventure we set our arrival time at HIYC for 6:30 AM on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> with a hopeful 7:30 departure. Which we almost made. Boxwell is approximately



14 miles up river from HIYC and we knew we would be fighting some current and needed an early start. Three Sea Scout Ships joined forces for this trip making a total of 8 boats including the club's "Bob and Jack" which was used as a support boat and rescue vessel for two boats that ran aground and two others that ended up having engine troubles.

The forecast called for winds from the west at around 20. With that we were able to sail about half of the way to Boxwell. Once there we found that around 100 Venturing Scouts were on hand all hoping to take part in a variety of activities including sailing. The morning for most of the Venturing Scouts had been spent in classes. One of which was a class on sailing taught by our own Sea Scout Cory Walker. The afternoon was for us to be spent taking Scouts and Adults sailing in great winds. I've said for years "Take a kid out for his first sail in good air and he's hooked. Take him out in light wind and he'll never come back." Well we hooked a bunch of youth and adults that day. We used the Scout's Cal 24 and Catalina 22 plus John Taylor Chris Craft 26. And I found out later that several of the youth had managed to get rides on all three boats. I also heard one of the young ladies **proudly** telling her leader that she had been told she had a **Sailor's Grin**. Yes that wonderful grin one often gets when at the helm or simply when enjoying a great sail. It was a wonderful trip well worth the effort. And not totally unexpected we've picked up some additional youth and new leaders as a result of our efforts.

It does not get much better than that.

Andy and Cathy Griswold



## Tennessean Cruiser Regatta April 9 & 10, 2011



SKIPPER	BOAT	CLASS	RACE 1 SCORE	RACE 2 SCORE	TOTAL SCORE	PLACE
Greg Theriot	J-105	Heavy A	1	1	2	1
Chuck Konesky	C&C 99	Heavy A	2	3	5	2
Brock Short	J-100	Heavy A	3	2	5	3
Anne Beesley	J-32 Spinnaker	Heavy A	5	4	9	4
Jack Benz	O'Day 28 TM	Heavy B	2	1	3	1
Steve Vague	Northstar 500	Heavy B	1	3	4	2
Joe Ballard	Pearson 323	Heavy B	3	2	5	3
Paul Latour	S2 7.9	Light	1	1	2	1
Neil Cunningham	Santana 525	Light	2	2	4	2
Dock Fielder	Albin Ballard	JAM	1		1	1
Rafal Ablamowicz	Seafarer 23	JAM	2		2	2
M Maxwell	Nautique 37	JAM	3		3	3
O. L. Shultz	Morgan 30	JAM	4		4	4
Rick Smith	Catalina 30	JAM	5		5	5
Gerry Levine	Columbia 29	JAM	6		6	6
Tracy Cullen	O'day 28	JAM	7		7	7
Scott Thomas	C&C 24	JAM	9		9	8

## Tennessean Buoy Regatta

April 16 & 17, 2011

### J22 Fleet

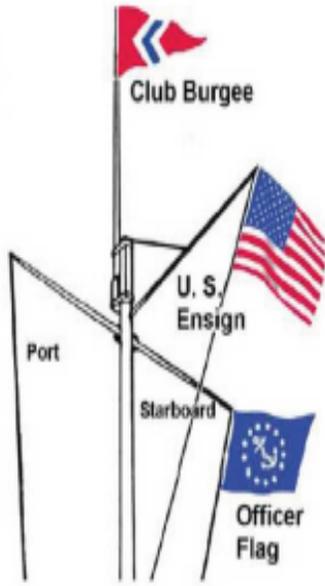
Skipper	Sail #	Day-1	Day 2					Total	less worst	Place
		Race 1	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5			
Clare	202	2	5	3	1	1	1	13	8	1
Freeman	1261	1	6	1	4	4	2	18	12	2
Trotter	1045	4	1	2	3	5	4	19	14	3
Blythe	467	6	3	5	2	2	3	21	15	4
Carson	130	5	2	6	5	5	5	26	20	5
Colby	104	7	4	4	6	6	6	33	27	6

### Lightning Fleet

Skipper	Sail #	Day-1	Day 2					Total	less worst	Place
		Race 1	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5			
Killebrew	15	4	2	2	1	1	1	11	7	1
Hatch	15078	1	3	1	2	2	2	11	8	2
Mattix	14533	4	1	3	3	4	3	18	14	3

# Resolution for Gaff-Rigged Flagpole

Unanimously adopted April 11, 2011



Whereas, Harbor Island Yacht Club on Old Hickory Lake in Tennessee currently has and maintains a Gaff-Rigged Flagpole for the purposes of flying the United States Ensign (flag), Club Burgee and other flags; and

Whereas, the HIYC Board of Governors holds in the highest regards proper protocol and etiquette to show respect and honor to our Country's Flag; and

Whereas, many people are confused about the proper way to fly the national ensign from a gaff-rigged pole; and

Whereas, the NAVAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES for Flags, Pennants & Customs (unclassified official document NTP 13(B) – Chapter 8, section 801.b.4 - Polemast with Crosstree and Gaff states "This is commonly called a 'Yacht Club Mast'. (the National Ensign Shall Be) Displayed from the Gaff.";

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the HIYC Board of Governors affirms the Proper and Most Supreme designated halyard for the U.S. Ensign to be flown from the Gaff-Rigged Pole located on the Club's property shall be Displayed From The Gaff.

## A Note from the House Chairman

I appreciate those of you who are recycling your aluminum cans and plastic bottles. But please bear in mind that I can no longer recycle glass. Since I'm the only one who is hauling the stuff away (unless you'd like to volunteer!), I'm finding the glass to be too cumbersome and dangerous for me to load it up and separate it. If you would like to recycle glass - and I hope you do - please take it with you to recycle at home.

### **FOR SALE—Coffing 1 Ton electric chain hoist** model #N6C17NZ23E

1 horsepower, 110 V with power cord. Probably 10 years old. Date code says "H00B"  
No longer completely weather proof. Apparently jammed last fall but no problem apparent now. Tested out fine under load. **Sold "as is" for scrap or rebuilding by a qualified technician.**  
HIYC will assume no liability for misuse or failure of the hoist. Can be inspected upon request. Submit sealed bids to HIYC secretary by May 30, 2011

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

In an effort to cut expenses the June & July Anchorline will be combined expect it around June 20th

**Pursuant to Amendment II of the HIYC By Laws, The Plan Phase IV, twenty Registered Certificates shall be chosen to be redeemed during the May 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, and the Money repaid to the perspective members. Pursuant to the provisions of the Plan, if you plead financial necessity and notify Treasurer Beesley by May 6, 2011, you will be moved to the head of the line to have your certificate (s) redeemed.**



# US SAILING Yacht Club Summit

April 2nd & 3rd, 2011 Chicago, IL

A total of 385 sailors from 185 clubs and associations attended US SAILING's inaugural Yacht Club Summit in Chicago April 2nd & 3rd. The Summit sold out and we are excited about the overwhelming enthusiasm and showing of support for this first-time event. Representatives of sailing organizations of all sizes from around the country participated in two packed days of informational panel discussions, presentations and networking at the Fairmont Hotel.

A number of important topics were presented, including race participation, keeping younger generations involved, club owned fleets, focusing on the sailors, long range planning, community and club collaboration, junior programs, environmental regulations, and more. Attendees discussed the directions they are headed, learned new ideas, and made connections with people addressing the same issues.

US SAILING plans to build from the strong momentum coming out of the Summit. Based on feedback from the attendees, we are crafting a plan to expand our support of organizations and keep the networking and sharing of best practices active. We hope you found it to be a worthwhile and memorable learning experience and that you will apply these best practices, innovative ideas, and latest trends to your home club or community sailing organization.

## Notes from HIYC Attendees, Rodney Beason & Rick Smith:

As was announced in our last quarterly meeting, Rodney Beason (Long Range Planning & Past Commodore) and I (Vice Commodore, Rick Smith) registered and attended the US Sailing's Yacht Club Summit in Chicago April 2nd & 3rd.

This is something we decided to do on our own (\$\$\$) as much of a "guy's weekend excursion" as anything, but made it a productive weekend for HIYC as well. Many of you won't know that Rodney & I began our long-time friendship circa 1976 when we were members of a sports car club in North Alabama and served for some time in leadership of that organization. When this Summit came up, we decided to spend a weekend outing focused on our love for HIYC and Sailing. (reminds me of an old photo I saw of early HIYC members who took a Winnebago trip to some air show many years ago)

The reason for this message is an attempt to scratch the surface of a jam-packed weekend and to more than anything, encourage all members of HIYC to visit the website summary of this incredible event. Below are some highlights Rodney and I would like to present which will by no means be a comprehensive summary. (please go to [http://media.ussailing.org/Special\\_Events/YC\\_Summit/Summit\\_Recaps.htm](http://media.ussailing.org/Special_Events/YC_Summit/Summit_Recaps.htm) for more)

**PLEASE NOTE:** of the hundreds of things we experience at the Summit that we could work toward improving our club, there are so many topics where HIYC has it aced and is doing very well. Rodney and I are eager to share these ideas with anyone - every chance we get.

**Opening Session** was a mixture of Awe, "lump-in-the-throat" emotional pride and thunderous applause. The summit organizers planned for 50 clubs and hoped for 150 people... The luxurious Fairmont Hotel in Chicago was noticeably packed by more than expected turnout of 385 registered attendees from 185 clubs.

Gary Jobson (a sailing legend) opened the Summit with video images from the most recent America's Cup. He narrated over music from the video, telling a story of the LOVE of sailing. He told about US Sailing's realization that the future of sailing was NOT so much in the Pro-Sport model they had followed over the past 3 decades, but was instead in the growth of local sailing clubs across the nation.

He brought the JAM-Packed room to an explosion when he showed photos of the America's Cup Victory and said, "the new mission of US Sailing was getting EVERYONE engaged in a magic moment that is involved in the sport of sailing! He said the summit will dwell on that mission by exploring New Ideas of how ALL of us can get better.

**The Sessions** (we attended): see all sessions at: [http://media.ussailing.org/Special\\_Events/YC\\_Summit/Summit\\_Recaps.htm](http://media.ussailing.org/Special_Events/YC_Summit/Summit_Recaps.htm)

## Communications Bullet Points:

- Communications MUST have a purpose
- Too many people/groups over communicate and are NOT read or heard
- Communications MUST have a professional look and face
- Ambassadors – every club has them, plan them, place them, promote them.
- Most Important Message Center is people in the club (encourage forums and online chat)
- Useful online info & content about sailing (CleverPig & US Sailing site)
- Adopt a "get their butt in a boat" mentality
- GET VIDEO INTERVIEWS with Key Members (especially senior members)
- Produce a yearbook

## Information Technology Bullet Points:

- Regatta Network (online registration & Race Management service)
- Use Website as a profit center (reservations and tickets for events)
- PEOPLE DO NOT GO TO YOUR WEBSITE – REALLY... They go somewhere to find something of particular importance to them.. Find out who is looking for what and give it to them (relative to HIYC)
- VERY IMPORTANT — use Web Analytics to analyze website traffic and use... Then drive for that market.
- EVERY Website needs a feedback form or widget.

## Long Range Planning Bullet Points:

- Spend the \$ to preserve our Asset Base or we screw the future of the club... DON'T kick the can down the road.
- When you put people on a committee, they become an owner... When they are an owner, they participate. -- put young Adults on committees.

## Yacht Club Brand & Image Bullet Points:

- If we keep holding to be what we used to be – without cleaning & freshening it up – we will become extinct.
- Place an emphasis on sailing skills and fun instead of winning.
- Be More Relevant — inclusive, not exclusive (can't be both)

## America's Cup Bullet Points:

- Wants to come to our club to present to kids of ALL sports. (this can be major – partner with other clubs and make it BIG)

### Membership Bullet Points:

- OPPORTUNITY – 22-40 age group (Young Adults with new families – many have adequate cash flow, but no money to buy a boat – or pay initiation fees)
- Think they have to own a boat to be a member or participate (**Make this NOT SO**)
- Open Doors to young adult sailors (remove barriers to membership such as \$\$\$ to get started)
- Get someone from the 22-40 age group on EVERY committee at least as a volunteer
- Provide alternative/crossover activities and sports (ski club, gun club, canoe/kayak, wind-surf)
- Let Members Do Marketing – Give Members a certificate for free initiation fee to be given in their member-lifetime to someone who wants to join.
- Legacy Program – Any Son or Daughter can come into full club membership without initiation fee.
- SAM – Specialty Access Member – similar to our Junior Membership (low cost of entry for limited time)
- HIYC has a mentality of limited “water resources” (we have all the boats we can take)... but HIYC has an abundance of membership resources where boat ownership is not necessary.
- [NOTE] Rodney & I agree that HIYC has a STELLAR Youth Sailing program and Sea Scouts... where we fall off is transitioning them into young adult sailors & Dues Paying Members.

### Summary points from Gary Jobson:

- When the vocal minority gets their way over the majority of the club — fewer skippers win all the races, race participation drops & the energy and pride in the club atrophies.
- Socializing at the club following a day's (or evening's) racing produces more member participation than any other method. Shorten the Races – and build the club's calendar around post-race social activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Smith, HIYC Vice-Commodore

### Increase Race Participation Bullet Points:

- USE US Sailing Website – Training, How-To's
- Corinthian Class/fleet (60+ age skippers - 10 yr old or older design gets a separate start and other considerations)
- Time is very precious now, longer regattas are much more difficult to get participation – build a program around shorter races.
- Match or One-Design Racing: Clubs who are the fastest growing and have the highest participation today promote and focus on Match Racing events with Multiple Short Races.
- Have Town-Hall meeting with sailors and ask them what they want.
- Have & promote series of Clinigatta's for college students... A clinic (3 hrs) with a regatta at the end (short heat with something like laser or sail board – use area close to clubhouse for venue)
- Find affordable (club owned) boats that are equally matched (equally-crappy) and hold match races.
- Reduce Cost – direct relation of cost to participation (crosses ALL age groups)-- **DO NOT** build the club around newer boats with newer equipment... Soon those will be your only remaining racers.
- Consider buying low cost (i.e. Catalina 22s) for any adult (younger adult) to use and race



## Corinthian Fleet:

*Notes from Rodney Beason*

At the US Sailing Summit, Gary Jobson, President, said that US Sailing realizes that the future of sailing was not (so much) professional sailing, which they had promoted for three decades. The new focus will be on growth and needs of local sailing clubs across the nation. The core of successful sailing clubs is racing and race participation at all age levels. The aging sailor race participation is declining and most clubs are not addressing this situation. One session discussed the formation of a Corinthian Fleet for the aging sailor. The Corinthian Fleet would promote sailing for the older sailors, who remain very competitive, but priorities have changed with time. Two clubs presented on their success of getting this group back on the water and how they did it! Some of the barriers that the aging sailor is currently encountering are:

- (1) Races are too long.
- (2) Two day regattas are too tiring.
- (3) Keeping a crew is hard and no fun.
- (4) Spinnakers.
- (5) Newer electronic equipment and sails are too expensive.
- (6) The aging sailor is no longer relevant in race participation.

If there is an interest in forming this fleet at HIYC, we can design our own guidelines and entry criteria. The one exception would be an age limitation (>60+ yrs.), so that our efforts would not interfere with the JAM fleet which is doing so well. If you are interested, please call or email, Rick Smith at: [rsmith@gobbb.org](mailto:rsmith@gobbb.org). or [rbeason@tds.net](mailto:rbeason@tds.net).

# *The Sailing for Hope Regatta*

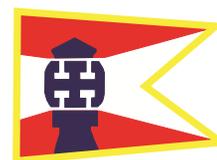
**May 21, 2011**

On behalf of Commodore Craig Rothwell and the Kentucky LakeSailing Club, you are invited to a very special regatta to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Hosted by Lighthouse Landing Marina, Grand Rivers KY, a one day event offering sailors the challenge and excitement of distance racing while supporting a worthy cause. Skipper sign-in will be held Friday night 05/20/2011, with Presentation of trophies at the awards dinner and Silent auction on Saturday evening.



We would love to be your host **May 21, 2011** As we hoist a sail for St Jude. However, if you cannot attend consider a small donation [www.stjude.org/sailingforhope](http://www.stjude.org/sailingforhope) Each organization or individual is recognized On the website for their generosity. For more information or to purchase a **Sailing for Hope** T shirt. Contact: Elizabeth Owens: at [Elizabeth.Owens@STJUDE.ORG](mailto:Elizabeth.Owens@STJUDE.ORG)

## **HIYC Double Handed Regatta** *In Honor of Doris Tempelmeyer*



**SATURDAY May 7, 2011**

9:00 am: Registration, Coffee and Donuts

10:00 am: Skippers' Meeting

11:00 am: Warning Signal for the first start

Trophy Presentation will be at next Quarterly Meeting

Entry fee: Donation to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Race Chair: Greg Theriot PRO: James O'Dell. NOR and SI's Posted online at :

<http://www.hiyc.org/Regatta/DoubleHanded/HiYC-DoubleHanded.htm>

**Come out and enjoy the camaraderie and a good sail, and support a good cause at the same time!**

**Join us for the Double Handed Regatta on May 7, 2011 and help us raise money to fight cancer.**

**This year's Double Handed Regatta registration fees will go to the Mt. Juliet Relay for Life fund raiser that will be held on May 20, 2011 at the Charlie Daniels Park.**

**This year's Double Handed Regatta will be in Honor of Doris Tempelmeyer and other sailors that have battled cancer.**

Please make a donation to the American Cancer Society in Honor of Doris Tempelmeyer.

You can mail your check to JB Copeland at 3451 Nonaville Rd, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 or go to [www.relayforlife.org/mtjuliet](http://www.relayforlife.org/mtjuliet) to make a donation to team Harbor Island Yacht Club.



## The Doris and Ken Tempelmeyer Sailing Story

We were living in Tullahoma at the time. My dad was working at Arnold Engineering Development Center, and would play golf on a little course that just so happened to be on the way to the lake (Woods Reservoir). My mom was a stay at home mom with four kids, and as a golf widow myself, I can understand her desire to want my dad to spend his free time with the family and not by himself on the golf course. So she suggested he come to the lake with us (Mom spent many summer days with us out at the lake). I guess he didn't think that sounded like much fun for him, as he, to this day, does not like to swim. So I guess he saw some sailboats and decided that would be the fun family thing to do. They bought two Sunfish. My best guess would be that the four kids ranged in age from 14-7. Dad, being the engineer and all, retrofitted a trailer to carry two Sunfish, and we were off to the lake every weekend. In fact, Dad decided that maybe it would be a nice little side business to sell Sunfish, so our garage was often filled with big brown boxes holding Sunfish! Gene, Nancy, and Mark were put on a swim team because Mom and Dad wanted to be sure that we could be left out at the lake on our own without the risk of drowning. And we sailed. I don't know if Highland Yacht Club already existed, but we certainly belonged to it. Dad figured out how to sail first. Then, once Mom was in the boat, and when she came up to the dock, she ran dead straight into it, and Dad figured it was time to teach her the finer points of sailing. And on down the line. Mark, believe it or not, was scared of the whole business to start with, and now he's the most avid sailor of all of the kids. We got to be friends with other sailors out at the lake, and we would spend some weekends travelling to regattas, including the Tennessean at Harbor Island. The Sunfish led to Kites and Thistles and 470s, and when we were at a regatta, everyone had a spot on a sailboat. Dad built a wooden structure that mimicked the side of a Kite so he could practice hiking out and built up those muscles. My mom was a saint and let that wooden piece live inside our den! Sometimes, we would arrange with other sailing families to sail to an "island" and camp out overnight. There were also what we called midnight sails. I doubt it was midnight, but as a little girl, I would sometimes fall asleep. It was a rude awakening the time that a power line wasn't spotted in the dark and a mast ran into it. Homemade fireworks! All in all, it was a charmed childhood, living weekends at the lake and having the experiences to spend so much family time together.

Nancy Tempelmeyer Hippensteel



John Robertson  
114 Lakeshore Dr.  
Old Hickory, TN 37138



**Harbor Island Yacht Club**  
*Located on Old Hickory Lake*  
*Visit us OnLine at [www.HIYC.org](http://www.HIYC.org)*

**2011 Officers**

Commodore—Dave Desforges  
Vice Commodore—Rick Smith  
Secretary—John Robertson  
Treasurer—Fred Beesley  
Rear Commodore—JB Copeland  
Senior Governor—Peter Bennett  
Governor—Mike Birk  
Junior Governor—Scot Thomas

TO:



**Schedule of Events**



**May 2011**

Sun-1 KLSC Riddle Cup Regatta  
Thurs-5 Cinco De Mayo  
Thursday Evening Race  
  
Sat-7 Double Handed Regatta  
Sun-8 Mothers Day  
Mon-9 HIYC Board Meeting  
Thurs-12 Thursday Evening Race  
  
Sat-14 KLSC Governors Cup  
PPYC Grand Ole Open  
Sun-15 KLSC Governors Cup  
PPYC Grand Ole Open  
Thurs-19 Thurs Evening Race  
  
Sat-21 PPYC Touch of Class  
KLSC St. Jude Regatta  
  
Thur-26 Thursday Evening Race  
  
Sat-28 Cheeseburger in Paradise  
Mon-30 Memorial Day

**JUNE 2011**

Thurs-2	Thurs. Eve Race
June-6-10	Sail Camp Week 1
Thurs-9	Thurs. Eve Race
Sat-11	Moonlight Cruise
June-13-17	Sail Camp Week 2
Thurs-16	Thurs. Eve Race
Sat-18	Moonlight Cruise Alt. 1
Sun-19	Fathers Day
Tues-21	Summer Solstice
Thurs-23	Thurs. Eve Race
Sat-25	Moonlight Cruise Alt. 2
Thurs-30	Thurs. Eve Race