



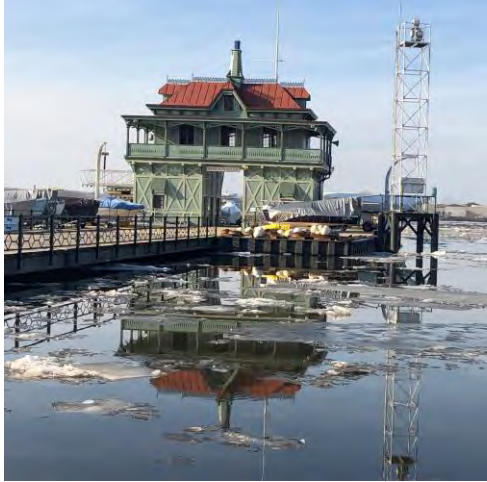
THE CURRENT

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB

MARCH 2019

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The big melt--large sheets of ice melt after an unseasonably warm February day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Commodore's Corner Child's Play

By Mark Johnson

When I was a little boy, I would travel to Germany to visit my grandparents about every other year. There were a lot of new amazing flying toys waiting upon arrival. This was the early 1970s and while playing in their back yard I'd wait for the thunderous arrival of US and German Air Force F-104 Starfighters. They'd streak overhead in two or four-ship formations. I'd jump to my feet and strain to identify the Air Force by the red, white, and blue American roundel or black German iron cross. If lucky, the helmeted pilot was visible through the bubble canopy. The plane was nicknamed the "Missile with a man in it" and they would roll and dive down from my grandparents' hilltop neighborhood into the rural valley below and be gone as quickly as they arrived. Silence, air ripping ROAR, and then silence again except for my screaming!

During those same elementary school years far away in my hot Oklahoma back yard, I'd sit atop a small trailered sailboat that my Dad allegedly sailed at a nearby lake. That boat would "take me" to all sorts of imaginary exotic ports of call. It was my dream to sail but I was too little. Sadly, we never made it to the lake with that sailboat. At some point, the sailboat moved away and later we moved to New Jersey when I was nine. The sailing urge was still strong, and plans were made to save paper route money to purchase a Snark sailboat. It was the cheapest production sailboat and was basically a disposable styrofoam cooler with a lateen sail. Sadly, this purchase never happened.

A few years later, my dream of sailing became reality at Boy Scout summer camp in pursuit of the Sailing merit badge. My dream of flying was realized in the US Air Force and lives on flying internationally for Delta Air Lines. Many sailing opportunities and boats later, including the Lightning, J22, and Flying Scot

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First Work Party and General Meeting March 23
Save the date: RSLF Festival and Kentucky Derby Pot Luck May 4

Errant Motorist at RYC

By Roger Prichard

We're fortunate that there aren't more instances of public misbehavior on RYC's pier, considering that it's very visible, very unusual, very attractive ... and unoccupied most all the time during the off-season.

Most cases have involved petty theft or just nuisance trespassing by the curious, but an incident during the night of January 14-15, 2019 is in a class by itself.

If something like this has to happen, this time EVERYbody was lucky, because it could have turned out very differently.

Here's what we know, from the tracks in the snow and information later supplied by the Riverton Police:

Sometime during the night, a car came down Main Street and smashed through our main gate. This didn't faze the driver; he didn't even get out as evidenced by the lack of footprints in the snow. The driver continued on the pier all the way to the end and was stopped when he hit the top of the bulkhead next to the outrigger hoist. This unfortunately broke a weld on the top of the bulkhead and shattered more of the front of the car.

The number of miracles here is astonishing:

Miracle #1: when the driver smashed through the gate, our gate faithfully tore off his front license plate and left it face down in the snow for us to find!

Miracle #2: the car didn't hit any boats on its way out the causeway.

Miracle #3: it didn't hit the clubhouse.

Miracle #4: the car didn't become airborne at the end thus avoiding drowning the driver.



RYC "Gate": mystery solved and minimal damage to the club property. Photos courtesy of Roger Prichard.

Miracle #5: the driver turned around without hitting any J-22s out there.

Miracle #6: he then came back the other way again missing both the clubhouse and the boats on the causeway.

Miracle #7: the whole thing wasn't actually malicious or larcenous, so nothing was stolen. No one even got out of the car.

Riverton Police responded quickly to a phone call in the morning, ran the handy license plate left behind as a calling card and found the owner to be a resident of Wrightstown. We were able to secure the gate.

The Police have pretty well concluded that the obvious was actually the case, that the driver was high and/or drunk. Early on they also speculated that it may have been a suicide attempt. That's not as far-fetched as it may sound – some years back a driver did just that at the end of Fulton Street here in Riverton driving right off the stone steps – and out onto the mud because he had neglected to check the tide first.

Commodore Mark has been coordinating with the Police and has bids for repair to the gate, and presumably the Club's insurance will go after the driver's insurance in full. We're all lucky on this one, but the driver is damned lucky to be alive!



Riverton Police Patrolman Andrew Beuschel assessing the scene of the incident and the damage to the club. Tire marks in the snow show the path of the car that help piece the event together.

Holiday Hooligans



The top half is gifted to John Burns, a boat ladder, fitting since he's fallen out of boats a few times.



Left: Dan Walsh creates a centerpiece for use at an impromptu party for the Mangan's.

Right: And surprise, what was hidden under all the wrapping? Dan Walsh tried giving the Upside Down Trophy back to John! Nice try! Dan will even pay for the shipping.



2018 MAYRA Awards Banquet



Ellie, Lily and Skye having fun at the awards ceremony at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia before the holidays.



Congratulations to the 2018 MAYRA winners!

Top photo: Ellie McCarron receives 4th place in the Opti fleet.

Bottom: RYC's Pat McCarron (4th), CRYC's Skye Mada (3rd) and brothers Zack York (1st) and Pat York (5th) receive awards in the Laser fleet.

Watch out for these sailors next season Jersey Shore sailors!

News from RSLF

By Mary Keppel

Hooray, \$98,023! Yes, that is the total of the RSLF accounts. Can we make it to \$100,000? Yes, quite easily. Can we make it to \$1M? Just give us time! For the next generations of sailors, we're on our way to building adequate funds for the preservation of our beloved pier and clubhouse. Thanks to all who have donated their time and money to this cause.

For a substantial gift to the RSLF, we have a gift for you. By donating at least \$500 for 5 years (\$2,500 or more) you'll receive a framed piece of art (see image below, the size is 29" w x 22" h). We have a dozen of these framed limited-edition prints (1 of 500), dated 1992. The painter is none other than Earl B. Lewis, an 'artistator', who used to spend his days painting along the bank of the Delaware. For decades he has been a renowned children's book illustrator, more recently he is an instructor at the PA Academy of Fine Arts. He has illustrated over 70 books including one piece for a book by Desmond Tutu, "Children of God Storybook Bible".

For more information please contact Mary Keppel, 609-230-6484, or mKeppel005@msn.com



Donations are a cinch for the Steamboat Landing Foundation:
\$281.73 generated by our members since 2017 using Smile.Amazon
\$644 generated since 2018 via Facebook birthday fundraisers



Commodore's Corner Continued

at Riverton Yacht Club, and I'm humbled to serve as your Commodore for the 2019 sailing season.

The Flag Officers and Directors are committed to taking care of the everyday administrative "stuff" that keeps the lights on. RYC is a very special place and mostly because of the generosity of its members. Everyone chips-in their expertise and hard work as family and career permit. THANK YOU! Thanks for your past and continued service to RYC. Encourage a child to go flying--or sailing!

See you at the club,

Mark Johnson
FS 5937
"Festina Lente"



Out and About

By Mary Keppel

Congratulations to Rob Seidelmann and Mark Schneider; both raced in the M Scow Train Wreck Regatta at Lake Eustis Yacht Club, FL, February 1-3., 2019. Rob placed 3rd overall, Mark 16th.

RYC members planning on traveling:

- David Breinig with crew Jim Irwin will sail in the Flying Scot's George Washington Birthday Regatta February 16-17 at Lake Eustis Yacht Club.
- Nicole Curran and team are racing in the J-22 Midwinter Championship March 14-17, Fort Walton Yacht Club, FL.
- Three teams of Lightning Sailors are traveling to Miami Florida for the Midwinter Championship March 17-19, Hugh Hutchison, Mark Schneider and Mary Keppel; Hugh and Mary will then drive across to the west coast of FL for the Winter Championship to be held at St Petersburg Yacht Club March 21-23.

Plein Air Art Class

Save the dates Joe Sweeney is back with his PleinAir painting class on Mike Kearney's lawn on Bank Avenue July 5-7. Sign up will be available through the PA Fine Arts Academy. More details will follow in upcoming newsletters and member correspondence.



Spring Work Party March 23rd—**Volunteers Wanted**

Lunch will be provided. Bring your tools such as hand tools, cordless drill, socket set and gloves. For questions please contact Glenn Smyth at gsmyth201@gmail.com.

Moorestown High School Sailing Team (MHSST)

For more information on the MHSST please contact info@moorestownsailing.org



Jack Rau wants to remind you to sign up for sail camp this summer!

Junior Sail Camp Dates:

- Session 1: 6/21-7/5
- Session 2: 7/8-7/19
- Session 3: 7/22-8/2
- Session 4: 8/5-8/16

Register by clicking [here](#).

2018 RYC Flag Officers

Commodore	Mark Johnson
Vice Commodore	Glenn Smyth Jr.
Immediate Past Commodore	Kent Steinriede
Secretary	Mary Keppel
Treasurer	Uwe Mewes

The Current is edited by Laura Major.
R. Headley is staff reporter.

2019 RYC Calendar of Events

All events and dates are subject to change.

Updated: March 6, 2019

WEDNESDAY EVENING's: April 24 thru August 28. All fleets racing.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON's: April 28 thru October 20; Mariner fleet racing.

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- 22 RC Star 45 Regatta
- 24 Monday Night Laser & Opti Races Begins
- 29 4th of July Cocktail Party, (Riverton 4th of July Committee event)
- 30 Club 420 Round Robin

JULY

- 4 4th of July Raft Race
- 8 **Junior** Sail Camp Session 2 begins ends July 19th
- 9 **Adult** Sail Camp (July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25)
- 22 **Junior** Sail Camp Session 3 begins ends August 2nd
- 27 8th Annual Pursuit Race and BBQ – Autism fundraiser, (Mariners host)

AUGUST

- 5 **Junior** Sail Camp Session 4 begins, (ends August 16th)
- 10 Single handed race
- 11 Club 420 Round Robin
- 19 Final Monday Night Racing
- 28 Final Wednesday Night Racing and General Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Fall Series Laser, Sunfish, Opti (4 Sunday's thru Sept 29th)
- 14 Themed Party with band
- 15 2nd Annual Female Skippered Regatta
- 21 Overnight Pursuit Race

OCTOBER

- 5 Pursuit Race and Oktoberfest (Flying Scot's host)
- 13 Mariners "The David Reily Memorial Regatta"
- 20 Sunday Mariner Races end
- 26 Fall Work Party, followed by general meeting (& election of officers)

NOVEMBER

- 16 Commodore's Banquet

March-April Tides at the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge, New Jersey

Source: <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>

Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
16-Mar	Sat	4:58	0.53 L	10:36	6.65 H	17:53	0.41 L	23:17	6.08 H
17-Mar	Sun	6:02	0.40 L	11:37	6.87 H	18:51	0.21 L		
18-Mar	Mon	0:14	6.43 H	7:02	0.19 L	12:35	7.13 H	19:47	-0.00 L
19-Mar	Tue	1:08	6.80 H	7:59	-0.03 L	13:30	7.38 H	20:39	-0.16 L
20-Mar	Wed	2:01	7.15 H	8:53	-0.20 L	14:23	7.58 H	21:28	-0.22 L
21-Mar	Thu	2:51	7.43 H	9:45	-0.27 L	15:15	7.67 H	22:15	-0.19 L
22-Mar	Fri	3:40	7.61 H	10:35	-0.24 L	16:04	7.64 H	23:02	-0.08 L
23-Mar	Sat	4:28	7.69 H	11:26	-0.15 L	16:54	7.50 H	23:48	0.06 L
24-Mar	Sun	5:16	7.66 H	12:16	-0.01 L	17:44	7.28 H		
25-Mar	Mon	0:34	0.19 L	6:04	7.55 H	13:06	0.13 L	18:35	7.01 H
26-Mar	Tue	1:21	0.31 L	6:54	7.37 H	13:56	0.28 L	19:26	6.72 H
27-Mar	Wed	2:08	0.42 L	7:45	7.14 H	14:47	0.42 L	20:20	6.46 H
28-Mar	Thu	2:57	0.50 L	8:38	6.90 H	15:40	0.52 L	21:15	6.28 H
29-Mar	Fri	3:49	0.56 L	9:33	6.70 H	16:33	0.57 L	22:10	6.21 H
30-Mar	Sat	4:43	0.57 L	10:29	6.59 H	17:26	0.56 L	23:04	6.24 H
31-Mar	Sun	5:37	0.53 L	11:22	6.57 H	18:17	0.52 L	23:55	6.36 H
1-Apr	Mon	6:30	0.45 L	12:13	6.62 H	19:06	0.48 L		
2-Apr	Tue	0:43	6.50 H	7:21	0.37 L	13:01	6.68 H	19:52	0.47 L
3-Apr	Wed	1:28	6.64 H	8:09	0.31 L	13:47	6.74 H	20:36	0.51 L
4-Apr	Thu	2:11	6.78 H	8:56	0.29 L	14:30	6.76 H	21:17	0.59 L
5-Apr	Fri	2:51	6.90 H	9:41	0.33 L	15:13	6.74 H	21:57	0.70 L
6-Apr	Sat	3:30	7.01 H	10:25	0.41 L	15:54	6.67 H	22:37	0.80 L
7-Apr	Sun	4:08	7.12 H	11:11	0.50 L	16:37	6.57 H	23:16	0.87 L
8-Apr	Mon	4:48	7.21 H	11:58	0.59 L	17:21	6.45 H	23:58	0.90 L
9-Apr	Tue	5:31	7.25 H	12:48	0.67 L	18:09	6.33 H		
10-Apr	Wed	0:44	0.91 L	6:18	7.24 H	13:39	0.73 L	19:00	6.22 H
11-Apr	Thu	1:36	0.93 L	7:10	7.16 H	14:34	0.77 L	19:56	6.16 H
12-Apr	Fri	2:33	0.95 L	8:09	7.05 H	15:31	0.78 L	20:55	6.19 H
13-Apr	Sat	3:36	0.96 L	9:11	6.99 H	16:30	0.72 L	21:56	6.36 H