



THE CURRENT

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB

APRIL 2018

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Water over the bridge! High tide on April 16 after heavy rains.
Photo courtesy of Ryan Lippincott.

Commodore's Corner Time to Find the Line

By Kent Steinriede

This is the period of the year when time starts to accelerate. First, the floating docks are back in place. Then we raise the burgee, fire the cannon and burn a bunch of socks on Opening Day. Boats start to show up on the pier. The days are noticeably longer. The next thing you know, you're on the starting line looking at your watch and counting down to start. All clear! The 2018 racing season is under way.

Indeed, racing begins on Wednesday, and I'm ready. I've cleared Wednesday nights on my calendar and started obsessively checking the weather and wind and tide direction for April 25.

Although I've been racing sailboats for 34 years, I still go over the rules before each season because no matter how faired, finely tuned and fast your boat may be, it's tough to stay competitive on the course if you commit fouls and have to make a few turns. The importance of knowing the rules is hammered home in Cornelius Shields' "Racing with Cornelius Shields and the Masters." Chapter 30 includes A Helmsman's Tipsheet of more than 90 nuggets of racing knowledge. Repeated three times in italics throughout the list is *Know the racing rules!*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Don't miss this year's Pool Penguin Regatta, May 5 at 1 pm on the pier, followed by the Kentucky Derby Potluck!

Join us for the Riverton Steamboat Landing Foundation's "Day of Discovery" May 19, 11 am-3 pm!

**Save the date: The Gail Walsh Pursuit Race Saturday July 28
This fundraiser benefits the "Yardwork and More" Foundation**

2018 RYC Opening

By R. Headley
Staff Reporter

The club officially opened on Saturday April 14 and was blessed by clear blue skies, bright sun and 81-degree breezes bouncing across the Delaware. This year's opening had eight club members' names engraved on the 50-year club membership list plaque on the club cannon. Commodore Kent Steinride presided over the event.

The Fifty-Year Club members are Allan Crew, Hank Croft, Terry Rapp, Skip Lippincott, Russell Young, Robert Martin, Barbara Martin Smyth, and Barbara L Martin.

Kent asked the new inductees to reminisce on the past with stories of memorable activities at the yacht club over the past 50 years.

Terry Rapp opened with a statement that none of these stories can be confirmed or denied that they ever happened.

Allan Crew mentioned that back in the day the club used 55 gallon drums for course marks. "When you hit the mark, everyone around you could hear it," he said.

Then Terry noted that many times when racing they had to duck freighters pulling in or out of Northern Metals across the river from the club.

Skip Lippincott said that there was a constant efflorescence of sewage smell that waffled across the river in those old days.

Kent asked about the type of boats and the largest fleet size back around 1965. The consensus from the group was that the Star fleet was the biggest followed by the Dusters, then Lightings. Presently there are no Stars or Dusters sailing at the club. Kent's question sparked more stories from the group.

Barbara L. Martin remembered that bugs were a big problem. Then Barbara Symth noted that on Labor Day they would race from Riverton to the Red Dragon Yacht Club and finish with picnic on the lawn.

Skip Lippincott said that there were also non sailing stories. One of the stories was when Bob Martin was at a bachelor party on the pier. "I was lying on the ground, because I did not have a table, adjusting the volume of my stereo when I saw feet in front of me and looked up and it was Nick Mortgu, commodore at that time. Nick said the police called me about the noise. We got complaints from the neighbors."

Skip Lippincott said many club members had nicknames like Buzzy, Pear, Spider, Snake, Trapper, Head, Dogman, Pops Racer, LP, Scrounge, Skillful and Boots.

"Now and then we would all swim across the river," said Bob. "I swam across the river and back one time, and told Mom. She said, 'Don't do that again.' I wouldn't because already did it."

"As for swimming at the club, many of the kids worked at the Lippincott's Boat Works. During the summer they would go over to the yacht club at lunch time, swim and play tag. We would dive into the river and hide under the floating docks. The docks used 55 gallon drums that we got from National Casein up the road. There was open space under the floats and we would hide under there. You could not see under water back then. At the end of lunch time, they walked back to the Works in their wet clothes," said Bob. "However, even some of town's people would walk down to the pier and swim when it got real hot" he said.

Someone from the Boat Works figured out that the brass washers at the boat works were the same size as the dimes and nickels that you needed to buy a soda. When Howard Lippincott found out that the brass washer were put in the soda machine, he said that the washers were worth more than 10 cents and to stop doing that. They did.

The old soda machine was a rectangle box that opened from the top. The sodas sat there upright locked in steel brackets. All you

needed was a church key and a straw. At times, there many empty bottles in that cooler someone said.

On summer nights, mostly on the weekends, the yacht club parking lot was the local meet up spot. A cacophony of loud conversations with occasional exclamations of someone's screeching brakes on their car or burning rubber with their tires when leaving filled the air. Bob Martin said, "It was a toss up to close my window and endure the heat of the summer night or listen to the noise."

"Jimmy Lippincott would rev-up his motor and get his car to backfire. One time, he did this and he blew off his muffler," said Terry. "John Martin would walk out of the house yell at us to knock off the noise."

As for Jimmy, Russell Young said that he thought Jimmy was one of the best sailors back then and that he was probably better than Dennis Connor, who won the America's Cup for the United States.

Bob also noted, "Over the years, one of the things that the yacht club does is produce quality sailors with good competitive spirit that the club can be proud of. [We're] still doing that today."

Wave after wave of old stories poured out of the 50-year members' memory banks. These are just a few of the highlights. Fortunately, Roger Prichard recorded this story laden part of the club opening on his digital camera for prosperity. Next up was the flag raising. Mark Horger raised the club burgee, the American flag and the officer flags at the top of yardarm. Jonathan Hickey fired the club canon.

Then Glenn Smyth talked about the history starting each sailing season with burning your old socks. Glenn said that it was started by Captain Bob Turner in the Eastport Annapolis Yacht yard around 1978 by accident. He said that after a bad winter they were sitting by a fire in the spring weather drinking their favorite beverage with their feet up on the edge of a fire pit and they looked at

Opening Day (Cont.)

their ragged disgusting looking socks and decided to throw them into the fire. So the annual sock burning was born. Glenn noted that true sailors do not like wearing socks when on the water. Many sailors lined up and threw their old socks into the fire.

The general consensus was that cotton socks give the best burn. From burnt socks, everyone moved to the grill and Allan Crew, his wife Diana, and other crew cooked and served hamburgers and hot dogs. Ample beverages were also available to the large crowd of attendees while Donovan Moore, back from his UK tour, entertained the crowd with his guitar on that gorgeous sunny day.

However, Byron Campbell thought that the club opening was a little too much. “We use to open the club and that was that. If this keeps up next thing you know we will have to wear navy blue jackets and have a Queen of the Club Ball like the other clubs on the river.” Anyway, so begins the 2018 Riverton Yacht Club season.



Story Time: 50-year members told stories of days past at the club.



Roasting Ritual: Annual sock burning tradition to begin the sailing season.

Commodore's Corner (Cont.)

So I encourage you to re-read the racing rules and go over the sailing instructions on the club website.

Also, look out for upcoming seminars on racing rules and strategy, which will be added to the season calendar soon.

Speaking of calendars, make sure you add Cinco de Mayo to yours. The day will start with the RYC hosting the 2nd Intergalactic Pool Penguin Regatta at 1 pm, followed by the Kentucky Derby Potluck fundraiser event at 5 pm. Post time for the Derby is 6:34 pm.

Ryan Lippincott's radio-controlled Penguins are becoming more popular. He's sold a few to members of other yacht clubs, who will be racing and partying with us.

Moorestown HS Sailing Team Looking for Volunteer Coaches

The Moorestown High School sailing team is looking for one or more assistant coaches to help during their practices on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this spring at RYC.

If you're interested, please contact Scott Whitley at scott@travelrelations.com or 856-220-9180.

Learn more about the Moorestown Sailing Team at <https://www.moorestownsailing.org/>.

Dark & Stormy Pool Penguin Regatta

Did you miss the Pool Penguin Regatta? Well you missed a fun day! This year's event was sponsored by the Racquet Club of Philadelphia's sailing club on March 14.

The event was well attended, including RYC members Ryan Lippincott, Nick Mortgu, Kent Steinriede, Bob Keppel and the Currans: Patrick, Nicole and Dan.

Thanks to Ryan Lippincott for providing the fleet of Penguins! If you would like to learn more about purchasing your own boat, please visit www.poolpenguin.com or contact Ryan Lippincott at (856) 924-1032.



Right to left: PRC Commodore James Price, RYC Commodore Kent Steinriede and Michael Paolini, past PRC Commodore.

Pool Penguin Regatta, May 5 at RYC

The 2nd Intergalactic Pool Penguin Regatta is May 5, rain or shine on the pier, don't miss out! All are welcome; entrance fee is \$10. Non-racers are permitted to try out the boat after the regatta. Start time is 1:00 pm. Light snacks will be provided.

Join us for the Kentucky Derby pot-luck event, starting at 5:00pm, benefitting the RSLF. Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on the Pier!



And they're off! Pool penguin race 2017 on the pier of RYC.



Lippincott Model Boat Works hand builds each radio controlled boat. You can own your customized boat starting at \$250.

Plein Air Painting Class on the Riverfront

Join renowned artist and teacher, Joe Sweeney on the riverbank for a day of plein air painting. Joe Sweeney is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Art, a teacher of at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and a talented landscape painter. He has won many awards over the years and has showcased his art around the world.

Plein air painting is about leaving the four walls of your studio behind and experiencing painting and drawing in the landscape. The practice goes back for centuries but was truly made into an art form by the French Impressionists. Their desire to paint light and its changing qualities, coupled with the creation of transportable paint tubes and the box easel allowed artists the freedom to paint “en plein air,” which is the French expression for “in the open air.”

Today, plein air painting is a flourishing trend in the art world. Artists come together for “paint out” excursions, workshops devoted to the practice occur all year-round and coast to coast, and landscape painters are finding that plein air painting is as rewarding and powerful an experience as it was for the first plein air painters all those years ago.

Now you have the opportunity to paint on location on the banks of the Riverton Yacht Club. Instruction will include tips on choosing a prime location, reading the weather and light at a particular time of day, and setting up a landscape palette.

Dates: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 6, 7 & 8

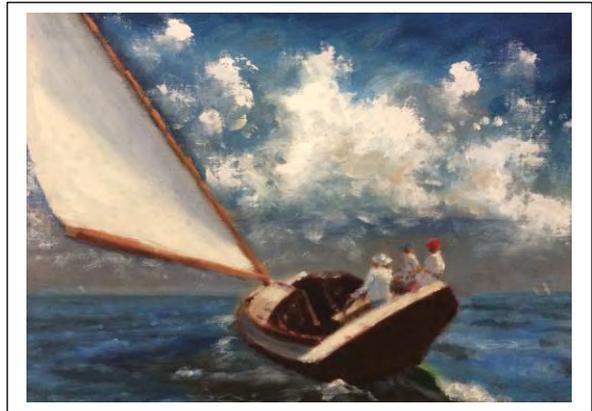
Deadline for Registration: June 22

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

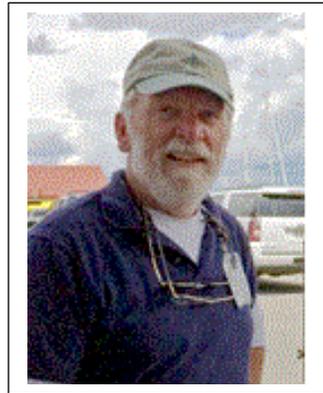
Cost: \$150

Sign-up online: <https://www.pafa.org/courses/plein-air-painting-riverton-yacht-club>

Location: Lawn by the river in front of 311 Bank Avenue (Mike Kearney’s House)



Sailing the Silent Maid, 9 x 12, acrylic on silk panel
© Joseph Sweeney



Joe Sweeney, artist and
plein air painting
teacher at the
Pennsylvania
Academy of the Fine
Arts.



Rowing Colors, 2015, oil on board, 20 x 35 in., Gallery 71, New York City, © Joseph Sweeney

Boating Safety Certification Course

Date: Thu, 05/17/2018 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Thu, 05/24/2018 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: Cinnaminson

Room: Meeting Room

Burlington County Library System teams up with the [United States Coast Guard Auxiliary](#) to offer boating safety courses. All boaters and personal watercraft operators are required to have a NJ State Police issued boating safety certificate on board while underway on NJ waterways.

This 8 hour course provides the “must know” on boating and personal watercraft topics such as:

- Things to know before leaving the dock
- Basic navigation
- Required equipment
- Trailing
- Legal requirements – Federal and State
- Boating emergencies

These courses are approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and include lectures, student workbook, handouts and testing to meet NJ State requirements. Upon successfully completing the course the [US Coast Guard Auxiliary](#) will process the required NJ State Police paperwork on your behalf. A temporary certificate is awarded at the completion of the course.

Mention “Burlington County Library System” when registering and receive a 20% discount on the \$65.00 course fee.

Register by contacting Mark at 609-364-0929 or via email at mark.rubino@verizon.net

Important Notes:

- The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary accepts cash or personal check prior to the end of class.
- All attendees will need a photo identification (which is a State Police requirement) placed on the Auxiliary for teaching classes.

This is a 2 part course. Attendance of both days will be required to receive certification

If you use Facebook, did you know that we have a private group on there just for RYC members? It's called – wait for it! – "RYC Members". Just search for that string and click the button to request to join. It's only open to current members and its privacy is set so that its content is completely invisible to everyone else. All members are encouraged to share photos, stories, relevant links, or questions.



The Current – April 2018
Opening Day April 14th, 2018
Photos by Byron Campbell



Couldn't have asked for a more beautiful opening day!



Ceremonial Commodore flag raising. Flags have been raised over RYC for 153 years.



Allan and Diana Crew on grill duty.



Natasha Mitchell and crew applying "GoFast" to their hull. Help from Anthony Jason and Dave Breinig.



Commodore Kent Steinriede addressing RYC Members

Volunteers Wanted

Sail Philadelphia, the tall ships festival coming to the Delaware River waterfront over Memorial Day weekend (May 24th-28th) is seeking volunteers. This is a great opportunity to work with historic and international tall ships. Each volunteer will receive a t-shirt and two complimentary tickets to the festival each shift they work.

For more information feel free to check out www.sailphiladelphia.org and if you have any questions, please email info@sailphiladelphia.org. Click here to download [Volunteer Application 2018.pdf](#)



MAYRA 2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Thursday Junior Series

June 28 GWYC/YCSIC
 July 5 YCSH
 July 12 BYC
 July 19 AYC
 July 26 OCYC
 August 2 CYCCM
 August 9 CRYC

* Midget Qualifier
 ** Bemis & Smythe Qualifier

Weekend Regattas

July 14-15 OCYC
 (Lightning Championship)
 July 22 CRYC
 (Sunfish Championship)
 Aug 11 CYCCM
 (Laser Championship)
 Aug 18 AYC
 (Flying Scot Championship)
 *** Sears Cup Qualifier

Offshore MAYRA Regattas

July 15-16 Leukemia Cup
 July 29 Avalon Cup
 August 4-5 Cape-to-Cape Challenge

2018 RYC Board Members:

Commodore	Kent Steinriede
Vice Commodore	Mark Johnson
Immediate Past Commodore	Bruce Nicholson
Secretary	Mary Keppel
Treasurer	Uwe Mewes

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

2018 RYC Calendar of Events
All events and dates are subject to change.

WEDNESDAY EVENING's: April 25 thru August 29. All fleets racing.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON's: April 29 thru October 21; Mariner fleet racing.

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30 4th of July Cocktail Party, (Riverton 4th of July Committee event)

JULY

1 Club 420 Round Robin

1 Covered dish get together

4 4th of July Raft Race

9 *Junior Sail Camp Session 2 begins (ends 7/20)*

10 *Adult Sail Camp begins (July 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, & 26.)*

23 *Junior Sail Camp Session 3 begins (ends 8/3)*

28 7th Annual Pursuit Race and BBQ – Autism fundraiser, (Mariners host)

AUGUST

6 *Junior Sail Camp Session 4 begins (ends 8/17)*

11 Single handed race

12 Club 420 Round Robin

20 Final Monday Night Racing

29 Final Wednesday Night Racing and General Meeting.

SEPTEMBER

2 Covered dish get together

9 Fall Series Laser, Sunfish, Opti (4 Sunday's thru Sept 30th).

15 Themed Party with band (final date TBD)

22 Overnight Pursuit Race

OCTOBER

6 Pursuit Race and Oktoberfest (Flying Scot's host)

14 Mariners "The David Reily Memorial Regatta"

21 Sunday Mariner Races end

27 Fall Work Party, followed by general meeting (& election of officers)

NOVEMBER

17 Commodore's Banquet

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

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

Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
25-Apr	Wed	5:24 AM	0.62 L	11:01 AM	7.36 H	6:04 PM	0.32 L	11:35 PM	7.32 H
26-Apr	Thu	6:23 AM	0.44 L	11:58 AM	7.49 H	6:58 PM	0.23 L		
27-Apr	Fri	12:28 AM	7.64 H	7:19 AM	0.28 L	12:52 PM	7.59 H	7:58 PM	0.20 L
28-Apr	Sat	1:18 AM	7.9 H	8:11 AM	0.19 L	1:42 PM	7.62 H	8:35 PM	0.25 L
29-Apr	Sun	2:05 AM	8.07 H	9:01 AM	0.2 L	2:29 PM	7.57 H	9:19 PM	0.38 L
30-Apr	Mon	2:50 AM	8.12 H	9:47 AM	0.32 L	3:15 PM	7.43 H	10:01 PM	0.56 L
1-May	Tue	3:33 AM	8.06 H	10:32 AM	0.49 L	3:59 PM	7.24 H	10:42 PM	0.75 L
2-May	Wed	4:15 AM	7.92 H	11:16 AM	0.66 L	4:43 PM	7.03 H	11:22 PM	0.89 L
3-May	Thu	4:56 AM	7.72 H	11:59 AM	0.78 L	5:27 PM	6.82 H		
4-May	Fri	12:02 AM	0.97 L	5:39 AM	7.51 H	12:41 PM	0.82 L	6:12 PM	6.63 H
5-May	Sat	12:42 AM	1 L	6:23 AM	7.29 H	1:24 PM	0.81 L	6:59 PM	6.47 H
6-May	Sun	1:25 AM	0.99 L	7:09 AM	7.09 H	2:08 PM	0.77 L	7:48 PM	6.36 H
7-May	Mon	2:11 AM	0.98 L	7:58 AM	6.91 H	2:55 PM	0.73 L	8:39 PM	6.30 H
8-May	Tue	3:03 AM	0.97 L	8:51 AM	6.77 H	3:46 PM	0.72 L	9:33 PM	6.34 H
9-May	Wed	4:01 AM	0.97 L	9:47 AM	6.7 H	4:39 PM	0.71 L	10:26 PM	6.48 H
10-May	Thu	5:00 AM	0.93 L	10:43 AM	6.72 H	5:34 PM	0.71 L	11:18 PM	6.72 H
11-May	Fri	6:00 AM	0.85 L	11:37 AM	6.79 H	6:27 PM	0.71 L		
12-May	Sat	12:07 AM	7.01 H	6:58 AM	0.74 L	12:29 PM	6.8 H	7:19 PM	0.72 L
13-May	Sun	12:55 AM	7.31 H	7:54 AM	0.63 L	1:20 PM	6.94 H	8:10 PM	0.73 L
14-May	Mon	1:42 AM	7.58 H	8:47 AM	0.55 L	2:10 PM	6.97 H	8:58 PM	0.77 L
15-May	Tue	2:29 AM	7.8 H	9:39 AM	0.52 L	2:59 PM	6.95 H	9:47 PM	0.82 L
16-May	Wed	3:16 AM	7.94 H	10:31 AM	0.52 L	3:49 PM	6.91 H	10:36 PM	0.88 L
17-May	Thu	4:04 AM	7.99 H	11:23 AM	0.52 L	4:39 PM	6.85 H	11:26 PM	0.91 L
18-May	Fri	4:54 AM	7.96 H	12:15 PM	0.5 L	5:32 PM	6.8 H		
19-May	Sat	12:19 AM	0.91 L	5:47 AM	7.86 H	1:08 PM	0.45 L	6:27 PM	6.78 H
20-May	Sun	1:13 AM	0.88 L	6:42 AM	7.73 H	2:01 PM	0.39 L	7:23 PM	6.80 H
21-May	Mon	2:09 AM	0.82 L	7:40 AM	7.58 H	2:54 PM	0.34 L	8:21 PM	6.89 H
22-May	Tue	3:06 AM	0.75 L	8:39 AM	7.46 H	3:48 PM	0.29 L	9:19 PM	7.04 H
23-May	Wed	4:04 AM	0.66 L	9:40 AM	7.38 H	4:43 PM	0.24 L	10:17 PM	7.27 H

The Gail Walsh
PURSUIT & BBQ
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 1:00 PM STAGGERED STARTS BEGIN wrmills913@gmail.com

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 Tanks/Cotton/Techs \$20 lynnpsu3@gmail.com

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018 **RAIN OR SHINE AT RYC**

5:00 PM COCKTAILS, HOR D'OEUVRES + BASKET RAFFLE LIVE MUSIC BY:
 6:00 PM DINNER + LIVE MUSIC **Shawn Ryan**

TICKETS (INCLUDES COCKTAILS & DINNER) **\$30 UNTIL 7/21 | \$35 AT THE DOOR**

CONTACT: **DAN WALSH** 609-472-2403 / danewalsh2403@aol.com
BETSY YARD 856-986-6644 / yard914@gmail.com

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