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May 5 J-22 fleet ready to start, all in line and all quiet for the horn. Photo courtesy of Byron Campbell.

Commodore's Corner

Water Under the Bridge

What's going on down there?

By Kent Steinriede

When people ask what it's like to sail on the Delaware River, I usually tell them that it's challenging because of the tide and current. You need to be as conscious of what's happening underneath the boat as you are of the wind aloft.

Beating to the F mark from the starting line at the Club, you may be sailing in 4 feet of water on the New Jersey side, 10 feet at the X spider mark and then 40 feet in the Tacony Channel. Depending on the direction of the tide, you may want to be in as little water as possible or in the channel, where water is rushing fast to sea. An anchor can be used as a shrewd tactical tool if you're fighting the tide in little or no wind, as long as you don't rattle it too much and alert your competitors to what you're doing.

Earlier this month at the Riverton Steamboat Landing Foundation's A Time of Discovery festival I saw Jill Croft identifying tiny fish that she had pulled in with a seine net. The catch included banded killfish, part of the minnow family. I later realized that I know very little about what lives in the river where we sail.

So I looked into it. I learned that shad that spawn in the upper Delaware and pass by Riverton on their way to the ocean are making a comeback. And freshwater mussels are not doing so well. There used to be 14 different species in the Delaware

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Please note there will be no Wednesday night racing July 4th

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

2018 Riverton Steamboat Landing Foundation Festival

Saturday May 19, the Riverton Yacht Club hosted the first Riverton Steamboat Landing Foundation Festival. While the weather was not ideal, we still had fun. We were pleased to have Mayor Suzanne Wells in attendance. And our very own Commodore Kent Steinriede and his band played in the clubhouse to adoring fans followed by an excellent performance by Donovan Moore and Helen Mack. Hank and Jill Croft did some entertaining events with the kids including seining and various art projects. Entomologist Isa Betancourt showed off her tarantula, cockroach and velvet ant to kids and adults. Rock painting was a big hit with the kids as was the delicious barbeque provided by local Riverton residents Jay and Tricia Jander of Smokin' J's BBQ.

Roger Prichard gave historical tours of the steamboat landing and the clubhouse that were quite interesting. Onlookers learned about the pier, its construction and the importance of the ongoing maintenance.



Special thanks to Mary Keppel for all she has done in an effort to preserve the RSLF for many generations to come. Thanks Mayor Wells for your continued support of the foundation.



Commodore's Corner (Cont.)

estuary and now only one species is commonly found, according to the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary. In Philadelphia, a project was launched this month to create a large-scale mussel hatchery to help repopulate the river basin with mussels that help clean the water.

Looking at fishermen's reports, they're catching striped and largemouth bass, carp, and channel catfish (with pepperoni as bait). Surveys of the Delaware River using seines similar to Jill's have brought in more than 50 different species of fish and shellfish.

Of course, not all these species are living along our racecourse. This summer I plan to learn more about their habitats and who lives where. That way I'll be more conscious of everything that's happening below the waterline of the boat.

Volvo Ocean Racers

By Mary Keppel

How can I convey how exciting it is to be this close to the Volvo Ocean Racers, (the Whitbread)! I felt like a giddy kid, happy, happy, happy!

We rubbed elbows with Bob, a volunteer, who sailed many moons ago with Tom Whidden and none other than the mouth from the South, Ted Turner in the Macinac. Fun stories.

The Volvo Ocean 65s are bare-boned racing machines. Down below is two-thirds sail storage, leaving about 10 feet for no creature comforts living space. Sailors consume 6,000-7,000 calories a day and still often lose 10 pounds per leg sailed (ok, I've changed my mind, sign me up).

Bob, my husband, in his happiness, nearly bought a Volvo S60 car while touring Volvo's exhibit. They told him they'd pay his airfare, hotel lodging (one overnight) and car insurance (for 15 days) to the next Volvo Ocean Race stopover in Cardiff. Cool! Too bad that deal doesn't also come when purchasing construction equipment; my eye was on a lovely little front end loader.



Volvo Ocean 65s lined up in Newport RI according to their finish.

- 1st Mapfre
- 2nd Brunel
- 3rd Vestas

If you want to see these impressive boats in action click this link to the VOR's website:

<https://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/video.html>

Competition Builds Halfway Through the Spring Racing Series

By R. Headley

Four Wednesday race nights into the Spring Series of the 2018 Riverton Racing season and things are starting to jell with the fleets on who is taking lead and who are dicing and slicing for the lead and so on.

The PHRF A fleet is rather thin on faster rated boats and had to move the PHRF cutoff rating to 200 to cobble together a fleet. "We got three boats in the water for the opening Wednesday night on April 25," according to Fleet Captain, Glenn Smyth and one of the skippers of *Shadow Fax*, the other is his wife Barbara. The PHRF A fleet lost *Sin Bin*, a B25 boat, for this year when it lost its mast last year in heavy air while quasi match racing with *Shadow Fax*, a J29. However, Glen said that two other A boats are late in getting in the water. *Maiysha*, a Capri 25 and *Nostramo*, a Catalina 30 will help fill out the A fleet.

As to "A" boats racing, *Shadow Fax*, the dominant boat in the A fleet, rules the middle of the river and cannot be tamed by the other boats such as second place *Songbird*, a Pearson 30 skippered by Craig Greenwood and third place *Esperance*, a S2 27 skippered by Bryon Odhner. They have been finishing each race in that order so far this season.

As for the PHRF B fleet, Craig Greenwood said that he was told that John Frazer was elected the new B Fleet Captain by a unanimous vote.

John said that he missed that meeting while Glen affirmed what Greenwood said. The B Fleet had five boats on the line on opening night. After four races, *Dr Pepper*, skippered by Kerry Brandt, pocketed four bullets. A running tie for second place is between *Geezer* skippered by Byron Odhner, Jr. or maybe senior, not sure and *Day Dream* skippered by John Latimer with *Chaos*, skippered by John Frazer in third place. Second and third place points are close and it depends on how they score the DNSs.

The J-22s, they are club's largest fleet and have 13 of the 14 boats in the fleet racing. June Neuman, the former Fleet Captain, said that we have the best fleet and the fastest fleet and that Patrick Curran is the new Fleet Captain. It seems fitting since Pat leads the fleet in first place with four bullets, while Terry Rapp is holding second, and Greg Maute is in third.

Moving into the Lightning fleet, Mark Schneider the Fleet Captain said that it has been a slow start this season. Hugh Hutchison started out front and is holding the lead with Peter Denton/Glenn Smyth, Jr. in second and Mary Keppel in third.

Next is the Flying Scots. Fleet Captain Aaron Weilerstein said the Scot is a great boat to race. "We are growing and have eight boats and added two new members this year: Natasha Mitchell and Art Littleton. The new members are also moving up in the fleet racing. It is very competitive." Mark Johnson took off in first place while Dave Breinig taxied into second and Bob Keppel is waiting for clearance in third place.

And finally, the last to start, is the Mariner fleet. Presently Frank Pelosi controls first place with Harry Mayer one point behind in second with

Danny Walsh in third. Besides Wednesday night racing, the Marniers, also race on Sunday afternoons, after church. Harry Mayer is blessed with a six-point lead for first against Bill Mills' 12 points in second followed by Jim Irwin one point back in third.

So, at the half-way mark through the Spring Series of racing at Riverton, some members are still getting their boats down to the pier or tying up at their mooring. Others are out racing, avoiding extra points while we have a few more weeks to go in the Spring Series for any catch-up.

Finally, because each week things change, some of this information may be dated or wrong by the time you read this.

RYC Out of Town Racing

By R. Headley

Hugh Hutchison, Mark Schneider and Robby Seidelmann trailered their boats down to Florida during winter. Hugh sailed in the 2018 Lighting Southern Circuit while Mark sailed the Florida Winter series at Lake Monroe and Robby was at Lake Euitis.

Florida Triple Crown

Mark Schneider raced in the Florida Winter series at sunny Monroe Lake. In March, his second regatta there, he said it was 45-degree weather. "It reminded me of New Jersey," Mark chattered. Anyway, he chipped off an overall fifth place for the series out of 20 boats at Monroe.

The 2nd Annual Intergalactic Pool Penguin Regatta was out of this world

You're probably already aware of this news considering it eclipsed the Kentucky Derby's viewership, (okay, that's not true, but it was beamed to the iCloud!). On Saturday afternoon of May 5, RYC hosted the Intergalactic RC Pool Penguin Regatta. The event was attended by earthlings, young and old, some wearing fancy hats.

Oh my, there were some near broaches, thankfully no capsizes and only a few (ha!) collisions (thankfully no damage was done). The day's racing was indeed spirited!

Score sheets were kept, but who added them up? After much whispered discussion between Ryan and Greg, the winners were announced.

Congratulations to the winners:

- Bob Keppel - 1
- Clint Neuman - 2
- Glenn Smyth Jr - 3
- Glenn Smyth - 4



Pool Penguin Intergalactic 1st
 place winner Bob Keppel
 basking in his win.

RYC Out of Town Racing (cont.)

Lightning Strikes

The Southern Circuit requires the participants to race over the course of a week. There is a three-day regatta at St Petersburg Yacht Club. Then a travel day where you break the boat down, pack-up and drive across Florida to the Miami Coral Reef Yacht Club, set-up the boat and race another three-day regatta. Hugh with his crew of Chappy Hopkin and Marc Venables finished in 20th of 24 boats for the Lighting Southern Series. They also placed 34th out of 52 boats for the St. Petersburg 2018 Winter Championship and 13th out of 18 boats in the Lighting Masters regatta at St. Pete's and at the 60th Annual Lighting Miami Midwinter Regatta he finished 27th of 29 boats. Hugh said, "We were holed in the first race at Miami and sailed the reminder of the regatta with a temporary patch to keep us afloat."

MC Scow

At the Train Wreck regatta on Lake Euitis, Florida, Robby Seidelmann won the MC Triple Crown series. See Rob Seidelmann and Becky Radcliff's report for the Train Wreck regatta at the MC Sailing Association website.

Annapolis J-22 NOOD regatta

At the J-22 Annapolis regatta May 4-6, Patrick Curran finished 14th out of 32 boats with Billy Martin and Janel Zarkowsky as crew. "The regatta was a great training event for the season and a chance to race on open water with a larger fleet. We felt like we were competitive with the top of the fleet, but I made a few mistakes that had big impacts since there were no throw-outs. We did improve throughout the regatta and felt very strong at the end. Billy and Janel were a big help, I continue to learn a lot just by sailing with them," said Pat.

"It was a good training event sailing in a large fleet on open water with the professionals and the middle of the pack sailors. A small mistake at this level is very costly, but we improved as we went along. Billy and Janel were a big help in dealing with the fleet and lane management," said Pat.

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.

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 and 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)



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

Knots Made Easy

I'm sure you are all professional knotters but it never hurts to find easier ways to tie standard knots. Check out this clever method in tying a bowline.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p64zqFYx40k&feature=youtu.be>

2018 Rex Showell Pursuit Race Results

The Showell Pursuit Race was held Saturday, May 12. The race started with a medium breeze, then light breeze, turning to NO breeze, ending with a medium breeze.

2018 Winners

1. Clint Neuman and family
2. Jim Irwin
3. David Breinig
4. Natasha Mitchell (DNF)

RYC Sail Camp News

New boats are being purchased to add to our sail camp fleet.

Sail Philadelphia May 25-28

WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Live music, food vendors, beer gardens, and family-friendly programming all within an anchor's throw of tall ships from U.S. and international ports. Tickets include same-day admission to the Independence Seaport Museum.

SHIP TOURS

The largest of the visiting tall ships will be available for self-guided tours, scheduled with timed tickets to minimize wait times. Tickets include same-day admission to the Waterfront Festival and Independence Seaport Museum.

SAILAWAY CRUISES

90-min Day Sails and 120-min Twilight Sails take you onto the Delaware River for an immersive tall ships experience. Tickets include same-day admission to the Waterfront Festival and Independence Seaport Museum.

Tickets available for purchase online: <http://sailphiladelphia.org/buy-tickets/>



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

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

* Midget Qualifier

** Bemis and Smythe Qualifier

Moorestown HS Sailing Team (MHSST)

Looking to share your racing expertise?

The MHSST is practicing every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, 4:15 pm to 6:30 pm at RYC. The season runs through mid-June.

All regattas are on weekends at Toms River, NJ. For more information see Mark Johnson (Flying Scot #5937). Learn more about the Moorestown Sailing Team at <https://www.moorestownsailing.org/>.

2018 RYC Flag Officers

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 EVENINGS: Now thru August 29. All fleets racing.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS: Now thru October 21; Mariner fleet racing.

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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

8 Themed Party with band

9 Fall Series Laser, Sunfish, Opti (4 Sunday's thru October 7, NO September 16).

16 **NEW!** First Women's regatta in Flying Scots (female skipper chooses male or female crew)

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 and election of officers

NOVEMBER

17 Commodore's Banquet

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

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

Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
23-May	Wed	4:04	0.66 L	9:40	7.38 H	16:43	0.24 L	22:17	7.27 H
24-May	Thu	5:03	0.55 L	10:40	7.37 H	17:36	0.21 L	23:13	7.55 H
25-May	Fri	6:00	0.43 L	11:36	7.39 H	18:28	0.20 L		
26-May	Sat	0:05	7.81 H	6:56	0.33 L	12:28	7.39 H	19:17	0.22 L
27-May	Sun	0:53	7.99 H	7:49	0.29 L	13:17	7.33 H	20:04	0.30 L
28-May	Mon	1:40	8.08 H	8:38	0.33 L	14:04	7.22 H	20:49	0.44 L
29-May	Tue	2:24	8.06 H	9:24	0.43 L	14:49	7.07 H	21:30	0.61 L
30-May	Wed	3:06	7.95 H	10:08	0.57 L	15:33	6.88 H	22:11	0.77 L
31-May	Thu	3:46	7.78 H	10:50	0.70 L	16:15	6.70 H	22:50	0.90 L
1-Jun	Fri	4:27	7.58 H	11:31	0.77 L	16:58	6.53 H	23:30	0.97 L
2-Jun	Sat	5:08	7.39 H	12:12	0.77 L	17:42	6.41 H		
3-Jun	Sun	0:10	0.97 L	5:50	7.22 H	12:52	0.71 L	18:27	6.33 H
4-Jun	Mon	0:51	0.93 L	6:34	7.07 H	13:34	0.62 L	19:13	6.30 H
5-Jun	Tue	1:37	0.89 L	7:22	6.93 H	14:17	0.56 L	20:02	6.31 H
6-Jun	Wed	2:28	0.88 L	8:13	6.79 H	15:05	0.55 L	20:53	6.38 H
7-Jun	Thu	3:25	0.90 L	9:08	6.67 H	15:57	0.57 L	21:46	6.54 H
8-Jun	Fri	4:27	0.92 L	10:06	6.60 H	16:53	0.62 L	22:40	6.78 H
9-Jun	Sat	5:29	0.89 L	11:03	6.60 H	17:49	0.65 L	23:32	7.08 H
10-Jun	Sun	6:31	0.81 L	11:57	6.63 H	18:44	0.67 L		
11-Jun	Mon	0:23	7.39 H	7:30	0.69 L	12:51	6.68 H	19:39	0.67 L
12-Jun	Tue	1:13	7.65 H	8:26	0.56 L	13:44	6.72 H	20:32	0.66 L
13-Jun	Wed	2:03	7.86 H	9:20	0.44 L	14:36	6.75 H	21:23	0.67 L
14-Jun	Thu	2:54	7.98 H	10:12	0.35 L	15:28	6.76 H	22:15	0.67 L
15-Jun	Fri	3:44	8.02 H	11:04	0.28 L	16:21	6.78 H	23:08	0.67 L
16-Jun	Sat	4:36	7.98 H	11:56	0.20 L	17:14	6.80 H		
17-Jun	Sun	0:01	0.64 L	5:30	7.89 H	12:48	0.12 L	18:09	6.86 H

The Gail Walsh
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 & RIVERTON STEAMBOAT
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\$20 BOAT REGISTRATION **RACE CONTACT**

12:15 AM SKIPPER'S MEETING **BILL MILLS 856-303-7698**
 1:00 PM STAGGERED STARTS BEGIN **wrmills913@gmail.com**

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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**

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