



**HOUSATONIC MODEL YACHT CLUB
AMYA CLUB 117
REGION 1 – MIDDLEBURY, CONNECTICUT
JUNE 2015**

Ahoy Skippers!

The season commenced on Saturday May 23rd (first day park was open) with an “Opening Season” pizza party for club members and their wives or significant others. The party was well attended and the weather was beautiful. Sunday May 24th was the start of the racing season. To date we have had no cancellations due to weather.

HMYC policy for weather cancellations are as follows:

- HMYC will usually sail in light rain when there is no lightening
- If racing is cancelled a decision should be made and posted to the effected fleets by 8 am of the morning of the race.
- Races will be cancelled if the Lake is flooded. This is any time the water covers the road across the inlet on the way to our parking area. Pond level above 23 feet.
- The Corps has a website that displays the Lake level in real time at:
http://nae-rrs2.usace.army.mil:7777/NE/pls/apex/f?p=101:1:12533280226707::NO::P1_LOCATI ON:8079021&tz=-4:00
- The officers and / or fleet captain of the effected fleet will post on line or call the skippers about the cancellation.
- HMYC officers should know of any racing cancellation. If in doubt call an officer. (see club roster).

Lease has been finalized and signed by Commodore and Vice Commodore. The Lease term is for five years starting this year. There is no charge for the Lease to HMYC in lieu of picking up trash along the lake shore from the beach to the inlet at the road monthly (May to September = 5 pickups). HMYC will also trim the weeds along the Lake edge in the area we sail at as per the Lease stipulations. This is a fantastic deal for HMYC. All we are waiting for at this time are the final Corps signatures on the Lease Agreement.

It is sad news that it has been brought to my attention that Fred Harwood passed away last August 9th. Fred was a charter member of the club and a past Commodore for many years. His obituary is attached. Fred was a great sailor, competitor, and friend. Even though Fred no longer sailed he was still giving me good advice when he came out to watch. We will have many fond memories of Fred.

Fair winds to all,
John