



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

Ahoy Skippers! The annual meeting was Held February 21, 2015 in the Stratford Library Board Room. Eight members including officers attended. The Treasurer reported that after last year's expenses HMYC has \$1208.43 in the bank. This surplus is primarily due to not having to pay fees for Hop Brook the last three years and the sale of boats donated to HMYC. The US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has not charged us while they are in the process of drawing up and approving a lease for HMYC to use Hop Brook. However, HMYC has been and will continue to be allowed to use Hop Brook for sailing by conforming to the COE requirements at this time. The COE is working on the Lease Agreement and when approved HMYC will be required to pay whatever fees required by the lease. Therefore, it is best to keep a surplus of funds in the HMYC treasury until we know the terms of the Lease. In consideration of the above it was decided to keep the HMYC annual dues at \$20. Dues are due by April 1, 2015. A membership form is attached to this email.

The season will begin on Saturday May 23rd (first day park is open) with something new. This is traditionally the day we put in the marks and have some open (tune up) sailing. This year on May 23rd we will hold an "Opening Season" pizza party for club members and their wives or significant others. This will replace our Commodore Picnic at the end of the year. The club will supply pizza and beverages. Skippers bring a boat and enjoy the day. More details will follow in the April Newsletter.

Another change approved at the meeting was to schedule the Annual Awards Banquet earlier in the Fall rather than in December. The Awards Banquet is scheduled to be held Saturday November 7, 2015. Hopefully, this move will reduce conflicts with other events and provide better weather. More details about the Banquet will follow later in the year.

The HMYC 2015 schedule was reviewed, approved and is attached. As in past years the four fleets will be racing eight scheduled races on Sundays. The Seawind and Soling fleets will be sailing on alternate Thursdays. HMYS will hold the US1M Region 1 Championship Regatta (RCR) on Saturday July 25, 2015. There will be one Saturday all day open regatta for each of the remaining three fleets. See the attached schedule for dates.

The handicap system used last year for Thursday racing was discussed at the meeting and determined to be a success. For 2015 the handicap system was approved and will be continued allowing each Soling / Seawind Fleet Captain to adjust the handicap as they see fit.

Anyone interested in being a Fleet Captain please contact me

Stay warm, John