
N.M.Y.C. NEWS

Club Members Remove a Sailing Obstacle



Photo by TC

What a great sailing season this has been! The secret is people - people who see a need and volunteer their ideas and actions to fix a problem or raise the bar with new programs like our boat tuning classes and match racing. This is a club that turns out volunteers on a day's notice to accomplish meaningful actions like the tree removal shown above.

Three club members hook up a tow line to a nasty tree branch left over from hurricane IRMA. 5 minutes later obstacle removed!

Annual Club Meeting is Saturday, March 31st 12:30 pm at North Collier Regional Park. Awards, Ideas & a Free Lunch!!

Richard Flach...a super active club member

How many club members actively race four different classes of radio-controlled sailboats? Richard does - you will find him racing his Micro Magic on Monday, Soling on Wednesday and



Saturday and DF-95 on Friday. Somehow he also finds time to race his Laser and recently competed in the Laser Midwinter Regatta at Marco Island, part of the Laser Southern Circuit. Richard gives back to his club and has served as Commodore, Fleet Captain and Past Commodore on our Executive Board. He also ran the Soling NCR along with **Jim Craft**.

Lookout -
here comes
#33!

Richard started sailing at age 11 at the Riverton Yacht Club in New Jersey. His uncle was his mentor and Uncle John won the Duster Nationals in 1946 sailing #33, the number Richard now uses on his boats. Richard started racing on a 14' Duster, moving up to the 16' Comet which he raced in New Jersey and Maryland. He purchased a Cal 29 racer/cruiser, kept it on the Eastern shore of the Chesapeake and cruised around the bay for 35 years.

Two well-known NMYC skippers **Jack Wubbe and Frankie Novak** helped Richard transition to R/C boats in 2013. Jack invited Richard to come to the Village Walk pond and Frankie handed a transmitter to Richard and said "Give it a try". He purchased a used Soling from Frankie and started racing.

Richards son Jim is a competitive racer and first class regatta photographer, having many of his pictures published in the AMYA magazine.

"I enjoy being part of such a diverse group of sailors. I would like to see us have more social times such as going to lunch after the races. I want to thank all our members for being able to participate in this unique sport of RC sailing. It is my main hobby and I enjoy the friendships I have made since joining".