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## CLUB NEWS

July 31, 2020

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### Note from the Commodore

Dear Membership,

Big news...the Commodore has an email address. For official KYC business please email me at [KYCommodore@gmail.com](mailto:KYCommodore@gmail.com).

This week Deborah Evans passed along 'A Brief History of the Kollegewidgwok Yacht Club' By Alvin Dohme, 1958 and the K.Y.C. 2 nd Prize July 1948 Atlantics, which is a signed guestbook. The extra 'e' in Kollegewidgwok is Mr. Dohme's not mine. Thank you Deborah.

The beginning.

“Dr. Seth Milliken of New York, who first arrived here from Dark Harbor with Mrs. Milliken on their honeymoon in a borrowed sailing dory to pitch their tent and sleeping bags on the grassy meadows along Morgan’s Bay now the site of their and the Boardman’s summer homes. The club’s name, even after it was moved from Morgan’s Bay to its present location in Blue Hill harbor, though a challenge to the visitor’s tongue, was coined by Dr. Milliken at an early date, deriving from the Indian name for both Blue Hills, east and central, meaning when literally translated, “the green mountain floating on the sky blue water”, as its club burgee well illustrates. “pages 1–2 paragraph 2.

Following the final Blood and Thunder race before Mr. Dohme enlisted for service. “And as I picked up our mooring in front of the playhouse, frozen and drenched to the skin, I happened to glance at my waterproof wristwatch. And I still swear to this day there were two minnows inside the crystal.” page 15, paragraph 2.

A fundraising dinner for the new clubhouse. “The Bechton and Coggin group, dressed as “Four Little Clams Are We”, in their usual hit manner, bringing down the house. Jane Nevin told fortunes for a price, wandering about the hall with her tea leaves to foretell the future with astounding accuracy.” Page 22, paragraph 2.

The entire brief history can be found by clicking [HERE](#) which will take you to the KYC website. It is a lovely read, even for an outsider like myself.

With gratitude,  
Ann Luskey

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## KSEA

Although it’s been a different kind of summer for KSEA, we have been able to hold on to some of our old traditions and long-standing events. In the spirit of normalcy, we raced the Becton Cup last week with twelve Optis and ten 420s on the line. The Becton Cup is an annual regatta for our young sailors that is held in fond memory of Henry and Jean Becton, two of KSEA’s earliest supporters.

Despite the very light wind, we were able to get off a couple races for both fleets. We then followed the afternoon of racing with a COVID-inspired, grab bag “tea” with a socially-distanced awards presentation on the lawn. Huge thanks to the Becton family for providing the snacks and making the afternoon something special for our young sailors.

Becton Cup 2020 Results

2. Neddie Clews & Ana Huseby
3. Milo Fleming & June Page

#### OPTIS

1. Campbell Ardrey
2. Matthew Kellner
3. Ben Baldwin / George Wilmerding (tie)

Thanks so much,  
Springer

420 Race team pre-race



Optis lining up for the start



Light wind sailing



The KSEA Fleet



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## POWER BOATERS

The August 18–20 window for the KYC Power Squadron is fast approaching and we're looking for inspired itineraries. After a smooth trip to Monhegan and Boothbay Harbor in July, a couple of us are leaving tomorrow for a weekend trip up to Great Wass. That establishes broad parameters of our possible range for a voyage in August, weather permitting. We are very open to suggestions of scenic, protected, and fun anchorages, especially those where our raucous merrymaking won't bother others.

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## RACING

This week KYC hosted its first laser clinic. The clinic was led by Charles Barclay who use to run the sailing program at MMA. 13 lasers showed up for the first day and 10 for the next two. Ages ranging from 14 to.....much older! With three days of practicing all kinds of drills everyone's sailing improved. Hopefully this will become an annual event. Thank you – Sean

Laser Clinic: Eliza, Oliver & Jack



Laser Clinic: Oliver Lardner & John Clements



Laser Clinic: Eliza Guinness



Laser Clinic: Alton Coolidge



Laser Series: Sean, Carsten & Henry



Laser Clinic: Oliver Lardner



The Atlantic racing season began last Saturday with Thea, skippered by Camille Britton, getting the winner's gun in the very first race! Joining Camille on the crew were Eliza Guinness, Islay Van Dusen and Izze Best.

The Atlantics skipped racing on Wednesday during the Laser clinic, but the 12 1/2s were out there with their new addition to the fleet, Mr. Natural, skippered by Bill Barton and sporting some seriously intimidating-looking sails.

Both fleets will be racing today (Friday) to finish their July series. There will be no racing on Saturday because of the Eggemoggin Reach Regatta.

Photo: Camille Britton, Islay Van Dusen, Izze Best and Eliza Guinness at the finish line, getting the gun Saturday, July 25th.



Atlantic fleet at the start of the second race Saturday, July 25th.





## Christening of Rascal

Patrick Wilmerding launched his third boat built by the Brooklin Boat Yard early Wednesday morning surrounded by friends and the crew who built her. Rascal is a beautiful 50 foot sloop designed by Marblehead naval architect Jim Taylor.

After his comments (following those by Brooklin Boat Yard's Steve White and project leader Eric Blake) Patrick instructed his kindergarten classmate, Phyllis Taylor, to christen Rascal. She put her legendary forehand to good use with a mighty swing of the champagne bottle across the keel.

The British racing-green hull pairs nicely with the African mahogany cabin house and trim—including the custom wheel. Sea trials Wednesday and Thursday showed Rascal to be as responsive as Lark, with a lot more power.

Rascal begins her racing career with the start of the Eggemoggin Reach Regatta on Saturday. Patrick and his family are delighted with the boat.

### Photos

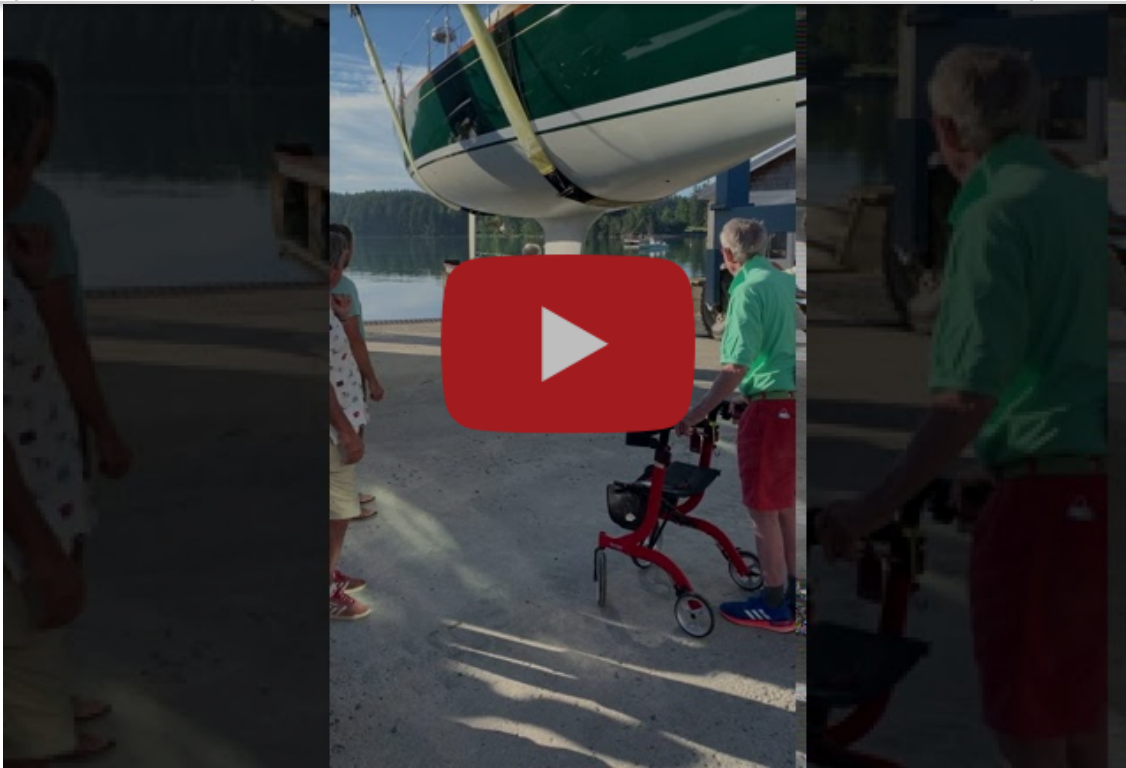
Right: Phyllis Taylor christening Rascal with her magnificent forehand.

Left: Patrick and Dave Danielson watch Rascal approach the dock from the Travel Lift.



Patrick Wilmerding at the helm of Rascal, with naval architects Jim Taylor on the wheel and Brooklin Boat Yard project leader Eric Blake (with the water bottle) on the after deck discussing details with Nick and Hank from the build team.





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## CLUB STORE

The KYC online store is up and running. You can access the store through the KYC Website. The physical store is closed this season and we can not access any of the items that we have.

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