

Classic Yacht Association

The USA Fleet ~ Summer 2022 Newsletter

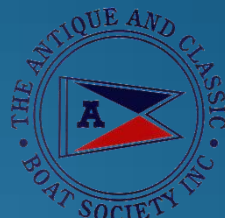
Join us for the:

Summer Rendezvous 2022!



Essex Island, Connecticut River

*Vintage Treasures
Antique & Classic Boat Show*



Join us for a wonderful weekend on the river! Come, visit scenic Essex village where incredible shopping, tradition and epicurean delights are a short walk from the harbor. This event is co-sponsored by **The Classic Yacht Association** and **The Antique and Classic Boat Society**. The ACBS runabout event will be situated across the channel at the Connecticut River Museum, while the **USA Fleet** and larger vessels will find convenient and safe dockage at Essex Island. This is a non-judged event that exists for the sheer pleasure of gathering like-minded classic boat owners and friends together for a weekend of camaraderie and fun.

With an eye to cruising, we hope there are smooth waters and safe motoring in everyone's future. Most of us have been busy readying for another, hopefully COVID 19 free, year. We must have charisma. As most of you are well along in this year's boating season preparation I hope some thought has been given to the upcoming summer cruising -

In the hopes some of you may be close enough to the New England waters, in particular the Connecticut River, on Long Island Sound, the Classic Yacht Association's USA Fleet in conjunction with the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc., will be thrilled to have you join us in Essex from **Friday, July 22 to Sunday, July 24, 2022**, at the Essex Island Marina, 6 NM from the entrance of the Connecticut River at Essex, Connecticut, marker 26, (CRLB26).

We hope that this will become a new July tradition on the Connecticut shoreline.

See inside for more information!



Looking for a Classic?

Look here:

<https://classicyacht.org/classifieds>

Remember:

There is no such thing as a "free yacht"!



Looking for Members!

Ahoy!

As summer starts to come into focus on the distant horizon, we are thinking about our collective nautical activities and what a joy it would be to increase membership in the Classic Yacht Association!

Joining CYA is simple and quick!

Log on the CYA website: www.classicyacht.org and navigate to JOIN CYA. You'll find the online application there. The USA Fleet dues are \$75/year, and there is an "initiation fee" of \$60, which covers the cost of a roster, burgee and plaque for qualifying vessels.

One does not need a qualifying vessel to join. The yacht register approval requires that the boat had been either launched before 1942 (Classic) or 1965 (Vintage).



Mike Fazio, National Rear Commodore
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Change of Watch Recap: Waikiki 2022!



Ted Crosby

The Change of Watch, this year in Honolulu on Jan. 14-17th, was a show of force. Those who attended in person were hosted by Mike Fazio, 2021 USA Fleet Commodore and I, as USA Fleet Director., arrived in Honolulu to a small group of members from the Southern, and Northern California fleets but mostly from the Pacific Northwest Fleet. We were greeted by fabulous weather and several matai's, as well as menus with extraordinary selections and aboard the USA Fleet's newest member's yacht VIDA MIA.. CYA Commodore, Diane Lander, ran the Change of Watch and Director's Meetings on Saturday and Sunday.

What does it mean to attend the Annual Meeting(s)? Until you have attended, the general feeling may be one has to be a member of the Bridge (either the National or the local Fleet Bridge). That is not the case. It's better described as what you contribute to your carefully thought out and restored motor yacht (in whatever state of restoration that may be) and to what other members have managed to do on their yachts.

Finally, please consider becoming a Bridge Officer of the USA Fleet.
Here's where we stand this year:

Commodore – Ted Crosby

Vice Commodore – (open)

Rear Commodore – (open)

Staff Commodore – Mike Fazio, International Fleet Director

As you can see two offices are open. We are a small Fleet in comparison to the four West Coast fleets but we have potential. The commitment is for one to four years and possibly more if you'd like to join as a CYA International Fleet Director. I've been a Fleet Director for about twelve years since the passing of Barry White and Dana Hewson's rotation off. This year Mike Fazio has joined the Directors as Rear Commodore of the Classic Yacht Association. I strongly recommend becoming, or at least attending, the International Meetings held each year in one of the CYA Fleet's homeports. All members are welcome and this year we are meeting in **Vancouver** from Jan. 13-15, 2023.



Frederick T. Crosby, Commodore, USA Fleet
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Summer 2022 Rendezvous

Schedule:

July 22-24, 2022

Arrive on Friday – Essex Island has a great crew of dock hands to ease your ship alongside the elegant, hardwood floating docks. After requisite libations, dress ship!

Friday night at 6:00 pm, we'll join the Southern CT chapter of ACBS for Pizza Night on the North Deck of the Connecticut River Museum. Music provided by *Good Medicine RX*, and there will be a cash bar. Cost is \$28 per adult, \$11 kids 8-12, under 8 are free!

There will be a dedicated ferry from the Island docks to the museum.

Saturday morning, we'll have donuts & coffee on the front docks on the island. The ferry service begins at 7:00. Throughout the day, we suggest you share your enthusiasm for your classic vessel with visitors. Or, if it's too hot – go for a swim in the resort quality pool, take a walk through town, or a nature stroll up the island. Mid-afternoon, we'll sponsor a seminar on maintenance in the Main Deck on the island.

Saturday evening, we'll have a pot-luck and BYOB grilling session on the island. Lovely Webber gas grills, tables and fire pits are available!

Sunday morning, we'll once again, have donuts and coffee available. We would like to have a brief, informal meeting to discuss future plans at that time. The island restaurant will be open, along with the standard "Hunt Breakfast" fare at the Griswold Inn, or brunch at Carlson's Landing, for those who might need some sustenance before heading home in the afternoon.

Costs:

<i>CYA Registration</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Friday Night Pizza</i>	<i>\$28/per adult, \$11/child</i>
<i>Marina Dockage</i>	<i>\$5/per foot, per day</i>

