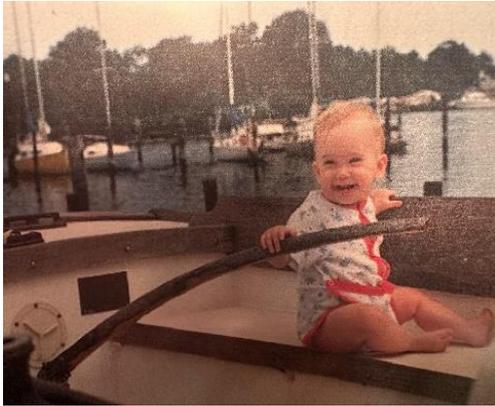


The Typhooner Newsletter

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The Editor's Reflections



I took this picture of our daughter in Spring 1987 when we stumbled upon a forlorn Typhoon while we were walking to the dock to visit our Alberg 30 which was docked at Young's Boat Yard in Baltimore, Maryland. While I was very happy with my Alberg 30, I explained to her that a Typhoon was what a real sailboat looked like. She agreed! Even back then there were neglected Typhoons that were calling out to me, but I had other projects and it took to Summer 2024- a mere 37 years- for a neglected Typhoon to come into my life. I found her abandoned about ten miles from my home and bought her for a song. Within six months, seven neglected Typhoons wandered into my life. Thankfully, I have the shop, storage capacity, skills, and now, finally, the time to do them proud and rehome them.

As the Northeast fleet captain of the Cape Dory Sailboat Owners Association (CDSOA) I conducted four regional meetings around the Northeast USA to determine what the members of our fleet wanted to do in 2025. One major desire was to improve communication between Typhoon owners individually and between fleets. I was told there was a great Typhoon based newsletter edited by Noel Peattie of the California Typhoon Association that was called *The Typhooner*. He periodically produced *The Typhooner* from December 1994 thru August 2001. These newsletters are available on the CDSOA website. I found his

newsletters interesting and informative and decided to reestablish them and distribute them via email. The CDSOA Board has endorsed this effort. For the first year, the new quarterly *Typhoon* newsletter will be distributed to all CDSOA members and those who request one at no charge. The goals of this *Typhoon* are to introduce the reestablished newsletter, discuss the formation of the Typhoon Sailboat Association (TSA), and to showcase current Typhoon fleets.

While there are clearly many Typhoons – more than two thousand- and many Typhoon fleets, there is no current list of Typhoon fleets or individual owners. The CDSOA website does have a list of all Cape Dory boat owners which was active until a few years ago. The three known Typhoon fleets are Rappahannock River Yacht Club (RRYC) on the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia, Henderson Harbor Yacht Club (HHYC) on Lake Ontario in New York, and Centerboard Yacht Club (CYC) on Penobscot Bay in Maine. We are also developing a Typhoon fleet in the Fishers Sound Area of southeastern Connecticut where there are some Typhoons.

I'm amazed that there apparently has never been a national Typhoon organization like there are for most one design sailboat classes. We have set up a steering committee to develop the Typhoon Sailboat Association (TSA) with the support of the CDSOA Board. The steering committee is comprised of Lee Cagwin (Henderson Harbor Yacht Club), Chip Gavin (Centerboard Yacht Club), Dave Hemenway (CDSOA Northeast fleet captain and organizer of the Fishers Island Sound Typhoon fleet in southeastern Connecticut), Doug Jesseman (CDSOA Northeast fleet treasurer and Typhoon sailor on Lake Champlain, Vermont), John Lesage (a Cape Dory Typhoon sailor of forty plus years on Long Island Sound in Connecticut), Robin Payson (a prominent Typhoon sailor and sailmaker in the Rockport/Camden area in Maine), and Kevin Stepko (the Rappahannock River Yacht Club Typhoon Fleet Commander). The TSA Steering committee will work to improve interfleet communications, promulgate events, and establish the new Typhoon Sailboat Association.

Rappahannock River Yacht Club (RRYC) Irvington, Virginia

RRYC has a significant fleet of Typhoons at their beautiful club which is the hub of Typhoon sailing on the southern Chesapeake Bay, where there are an estimated fifty Typhoons. This club has hosted a National or World Typhoon Championship regatta

in even years and an Eastern Coast Championship in odd years for many years. They also have a strong class racing series in the Spring and Fall. These races often have ten or more Typhoons participating in them each week. The RRYC Typhoon Fleet Commander is Kevin Stepko who can be reached at sztopko@gmail.com or 703-283-2754.



RRYC held its biannual Typhoon World Championship in June 2024. RRYC's newsletter, **The Headway** had a great article about it in its July 2024 edition. This article can be found at:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/ClubExpressClubFiles/642342/documents/Headway_July_2024_1000345325.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIA6MYUE6DNNJ6ROIH3&Expires=1735491399&response-content-disposition=inline%3B%20filename%3DHeadway_July_2024.pdf&Signature=r6zGtgYzedBAqOg%2B05MYPrLaiFY%3D

Another fine article about Chesapeake Bay Typhoon sailing was published by SpinSheet magazine in their September 2024 issue which can be assessed by the following URL:

<https://www.spinsheet.com/chesapeake-classic/typhoon-sailing-chesapeake-bay>

Henderson Harbor Yacht Club (HHYC)

Henderson Harbor, New York

By Lee Cagwin

Henderson Harbor Yacht Club is a small, seasonal yacht club located at the southern end of Henderson Harbor, on the northeast end of Lake Ontario. HHYC has roughly 110 member units (both boating and social), 45 keelboats, 10+/- power boats, 13 Typhoons, 12 CR-914s, and 5 Lightnings. The club has floating docks for 27 boats, 3 transient docks and a 90' permanent pier for additional dockage and/or loading and offloading. We operate from Memorial Day through September, and sometimes into October depending on weather, with an active racing and social schedule.

In 2016 Cape Dory Typhoons became a major segment of our club's activities. One of our members acquired the first boat for retirement purposes. Within the first year of that boat being moored at the club the count grew to 3, and just kept growing. Most all of the Typhoon owners are past keelboat racers that grew tired of the expense of sails, rounding up crews of 6 to 8, and maintaining the electronic and plumbing systems, and engines of larger racing boats.

The Typhoon serves various uses at HHYC. Obviously, it has become a very active one-design racing class within HHYC. Additionally, the Typhoon is utilized

for Adult Sailing Instruction through an arm of HHYC called Henderson Harbor Water Sports. HHWSP is a non-profit 501-3c organization, with a club house on our grounds instructing 50-60 young people from 5-18 years of age, 25+ youth scholarships, and Adult Sailing Instruction utilizing the Typhoons. Women on Water (WOW) also utilizes the Typhoons for 6 sessions on Sunday mornings of women sailing with women – no pressure from males, just comfortable, harbor sailing.

Most of our Typhoon racing is one-design, around-the-buoy racing on Friday afternoons, attracting 4 to 6-8 boats. We usually get 4-6 races in between 1600 and 1800 when we adjourn to the club bar. In order to get more boats on the line we do not use a committee boat. One of the skippers, or crew, keeps time and alerts the fleet by whistle using a 3-minute count down. In the 2024 season we held 27 races with virtually no racing in August due to inclement weather. Several years ago, we had a season with 40+ races. We also hold an annual Longer Distance Race with a special trophy created by one of our skippers. If all of that is not enough our skippers may also compete in Saturday races in PHRF. In 2018 three of our boats traveled to Rappahannock River Yacht Club to compete in their National Typhoon Regatta with one of our skippers taking a 4th place. In July of 2024 six Typhoons comprised a one-design fleet in an annual Hospice Regatta getting in 5 races raising money for Hospice.

Several of our handier skippers constructed their own trailers for their boats, and others completely rebuilt the fore and after deck of one of our Typhoons. Some have replaced toe rails, cockpit coamings and additional various pieces of teak trim. A year ago, one of our boats had its rudder fall off the rudder shaft and an adjoining boat yard constructed a new one.

All of our boats are kept on moorings in the harbor where the boat's owner owns the mooring tackle and leases the space from the town for a small yearly fee. The Typhoon has become a critical part of HHYC due to its low initial expense, low upkeep expense, ease of use, ease of storage, sailing comfort and genuine sailing enjoyment. In addition, the Typhoon has expanded our club membership.

The Typhoon has been so successful at HHYC that the club purchased one several years ago for non-boat owners to use, once qualified, for a small yearly fee. America's smallest yacht has done great things for Henderson Harbor Yacht Club!



Women Sailors at HHYC: WOW!

Women have been gathering on Sunday mornings for the past four summers to sail together on Cape Dory Typhoons at Henderson Harbor Yacht Club. This program

is now heading into its fifth summer in 2025. How did this come to be and why Cape Dory Typhoons?

Four years ago we decided to start a program for women-only to sail together, improve their skills, have the skipper role on the vessel, and get to know other women in the club. The slogan getting started was “No pressure, No judgment, Just FUN. After a few sessions the first year, we wanted to give ourselves a name. We all agreed on WOW, Women on Water, at HHYC. The name has stuck and the program is thriving. The initial response was a total surprise as many more women participated than we expected. Clearly there was interest and commitment that the club had not perceived existed.

Safety was stressed in our approach. We required life jackets at all times when out on the water. We taught all the participants how to use marine radios. We matched experienced sailors with beginners or those with less experience in each Typhoon. Nobody was forced to take the tiller if they felt unsure of themselves or uncomfortable doing so. We were cautious about going out if the wind was too heavy for the women to feel safe. Scaring a beginning sailor is a sure way to spoil her desire to engage in the sport.

The fleet of Cape Dory Typhoons in the club definitely made this program possible. Owners were enjoying sailing and racing Typhoons, and the owners generously allowed the women to use their Typhoons. All of us being in the same type of vessel was definitely helpful but the Typhoon itself is a great boat for the mixture of beginners and experienced sailors. The Typhoon has all the features that help beginners to learn how to sail and enabled the more experienced women to improve their skills and mentor the beginners. The stability and simplicity of the Typhoon makes for a positive experience. Staying dry and learning to enjoy the heel of a sailboat without fear of capsizing are definitely important.

Eventually, for insurance purposes, we decided to shift WOW from the yacht club to our associated sail school, Henderson Harbor Water Sports Program, HHWSP. This has worked well as Typhoon owners are protected from liability issues and instructors of the HHWSP oversee the fleet of sailors, shuttle them to the Typhoons which are tied to moorings, and provide radio contact during our sessions.

If you are interested in starting a program or want more details about HHYC WOW, please feel free to contact me, Nancy Siemon, at nahyde47@aol.com.



Centerboard Yacht Club (CYC) South Portland, Maine

Centerboard Yacht Club (CYC) is a non-profit organization located in South Portland, Maine, with shore frontage and a mooring field in Portland Harbor. Founded in 1937 as a sailboat racing club, CYC has evolved into an organization that promotes all aspects of yachting, both sail and power. Its facilities are maintained by club members through various 'work parties' held during the boating season. CYC also promotes numerous social events throughout the year, including club cruises, local sailing regattas and weekly sailboat races in Casco Bay. Centerboard's Wednesday Night Racing Series is intended to be a weekly low-key event with friendly competition. Racing starts at 1800 off the Eastern Promenade and boats will sail a single race about 90 minutes long. Afterwards everyone returns to the Club to enjoy a dinner put on by one of the boats in the fleet. In 2024, 5 Typhoons registered for our [summer series](#) and one had a podium finish. One Typhoon had a win in the [Centerboard Regatta](#) and one Typhoon had a podium finish in the [Quohog Quest](#).

In 2025, Typhoons are invited to participate in all CYC racing. In most years, Typhoons have participated in the White Sails B division at CYC. With enough boats, a one-design Division is feasible. For the 2025 season, we are organizing a Typhoon float-in in conjunction with the CYC Quahog Quest. The tentative dates are July 12-13 and the float-in will occur in Quohog Bay, Maine. Typhoons are invited for the racing or for the float-in alone. Any Typhooner with questions or interest of any kind is invited to contact CYC Typhooner Chip Gavin at cdtycascobay@gmail.com.



Available Typhoons

1970's Typhoon. Multiple outboard motors. Fairly new sails with low milage. Boat is solid and has had only 2 owners. No trailer. Location near Portland Maine. Asking \$3k. More specifics are available upon shown interest.

Contact Paul at ecorapja@hotmail.com or text Paul at 603-988-6767



Typhoon Weekender #1260 located on Cape Cod

Original main and newer one, sail cover

Original jib and a newer one

Genoa

No 'head' just hook ups

No cushions

Newer, forestay, aft stay, two of the four side stays

5 hp long shaft Mariner outboard, two stroke, 1997 which was mostly used to get back and forth to the mooring during launch and haul out.

Please contact the owner, Joanne Goudreau at goodrow.jo@gmail.com to inquire about this opportunity, which is available to offers over \$1,000.





1982 Typhoon Weekender #1860 is available in Lyme, Connecticut for \$3,500. This boat has not been used for a number of years, but is in reasonably good condition for its age and comes with a set of sails and a roadworthy trailer. The owner is Paul Gianquinto who may be contacted via email at pagianquinto@gmail.com or via phone at 860-434-5731 (home) or 860-304-8829 (cell).





Letters to the Editor

This section of the newsletter will be dedicated to your feedback and reports on your Typhoon experiences.



Photo by Eddie Howells of his Typhoon.

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