

Narrasketuck Yacht Club Memorabilia

As you walk through our great Clubhouse, you will notice a large assortment of interesting nautical items proudly displayed on the walls, and even on the base of our majestic flag pole. A few of these are shown below:

- **Narrasketuck Yacht Club Welcome**
- **Narrasketuck YC Founders Trophy**
- **Club Burgee – Original & the 75th**
- **1957 Clubhouse First Opening Day**
- **Ships wheel & painting over the mantle**
- **Flag pole Dedication**
- **Seaman’s knot board**
- **Skipper’s calling bell**
- **Tide Clock**
- **Narrasketuck Class Half Model**
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Narrasketuck Yacht Club Welcome

Visitors to Narrasketuck Yacht Club are first welcomed by the beautiful sign displayed on the east wall of the Clubhouse.



Original Narrasketuck Yacht Club Burgee dated 1938



Narrasketuck YC Founders Trophy



75th Anniversary Narrasketuck Yacht Club Burgee – 2008



Clubhouse First Opening Day
Clubhouse Opening Day 1957 photo.



Wilbur Ketcham painting

A painting of Wilbur Ketcham, the designer and builder of the Narrasketuck Class sailboat is proudly displayed over the Club's massive fireplace. The painting was done by Rebecca Robbins in 1957 (when she was still Rebecca Sittler). The ship's wheel was made and donated on May 1, 1957 by (Than) N. K. Smith, in memory of his son Kenneth, who was lost at an early age. Than was also associated with Wilbur in making steering wheels. The painting was commissioned by John Barnes especially for the club.



Flag pole Dedication

The Flag Pole Dedication plate is displayed on the base of our majestic flag pole; it is in memory of Ken Shoemaker Sr., a gentleman and sailor exemplar. In his senior years, Ken would come to the Club each morning to raise the flags, and then return at sundown - to lower the colors.



Seaman's knot board

The Knot Board is displayed in the Clubhouse breezeway to demonstrate to both Junior through Senior member alike, the wide assortment of knots that sailors need to master.



Skipper's calling Bell

The 'Call all Skippers bell' provides a nautical calling device to hail our Skippers/members/friends from the far corners of the Club's waterfront property for an important announcement.



Tide Clock

The Robbins clock & tide display is displayed above the kitchen window. It was presented by John & Evelyn Robbins. John (with wife Evelyn as crew) sailed the first built Narrasketuck Class sailboat (sail #001) at our Club until the 1950's. John was brother to the first Narrasketuck YC Commodore, Arthur K. Robbins; Arthur was also one of the founding fathers of Narrasketuck YC.



Narrasketuck Class model

The sleek lines of the Narrasketuck design both above and below the water line are proudly shown on this half model.



Tucks at the Starting Line

The Tuck starting line action painting was painted by the father of our Past Commodore, Herb Burger, in 1962. As best as can be determined, the Tucks in the painting, left to right, are:

#55 “Fifty Five” Built by Wilbur for Jane Collins in the mid-1940’s. Bought by Gil Height in the late 1940’s and re-named “Vamarie”. In 1962, it was owned by Don Flavin at BYC.

#160 “Invader II” Built by Honey Axtmann. In 1962, the skipper was Myton Ireland.

#142 “Ranger” was built by Wilbur, and skippered by Frank McCauley.

#37 “Gem” was built by Wilbur for Ruffie Ireland, and was sold to Mary Lou Russell in 1955. In 1962, Peter Luhrs became the owner.

#79 “Wasp” was built by Dave Southland in 1947 for G. Gorton Baldwin Jr. In 1962 it was owned by Dick Gillen and sailed by Gil Chambers & Rennie Leuder. By 1964, Pearce Baker & “Calypso” is listed.

#84 “Eleeda II” was built by Gil Smith & Sons for J.R. Silver of POWYC.

#7 “Defiance” Designed, built, and sailed by Wilbur F. Ketcham.

#50 Built by Wilbur, and skippered by Jimmy Lippman, Past Commodore of Narrasketuck. Bought by Wicks/Melick boatyard.

A big thank you to: The Lauders Museum in Amityville, old Amityville records, and Rudy Sittler for their vast views of our history!



Club water front property, pre-1990

The floating dock has yet to be installed.



Corsair

Built by Wilbur Ketcham in 1920’s, and sketched by the father of our Rudy Sittler. During Don DiStefanos’ time as Rear Commodore of Narrasketuck in 1998-99, that winter, he was involved in Corsairs’ restoration at the Long Island Maritime Museum (LIMM) in Sayville. Don talked Sittler into creating a picture (as shown above) that could be sold as a fund raiser. That picture was duplicated and sold to raise money for supplies to restore Corsair. The boat was brought down to Narrasketuck on a trailer and the Club held a formal ceremony by the south lift in the Spring 1999 Opening Day Flag Raising. It was then taken back to the LIMM where it rests today.



map of “Old Baymen’s Places”

This painting of Great South Bay and marshes was done by Jonathan C. Wiswall in 1972. It portrays his keen understanding of the marshes and various channels; and is a ‘must’ to study before sailing or drifting through the numerous marshes. Johnathan was an early and very active member of Narrasketuck.