

# the rOnDayvous® report

An unofficial newsletter for O'day sailboat owners in the tristate area — and beyond

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## 'The more the merrier...' *Travel to the rOnDAYvous® flotilla-style*

If you're heading for Jersey City for the rOnDAYvous® in mid-July, why go it alone? Why not travel in a mini-flotilla, whether for safety or social reasons?

Event organizers have already taken a few steps to help you out in this regard.

Those coming in from the South Shore of Long Island should reach out to rOnDAYvous® veteran Bob DeSimone, who sails the O'day 32cc *Free Spirit* out of Bay Shore. Bob has agreed to hook up with others going his way, and you can start by e-mailing him at RADesimone1@aol.com, and swapping cell phone numbers.

At this point, Bob's travel plans for the rOnDAYvous® look like this:

Leave home in the late morning on Thursday, July 14, heading for Sheepshead Bay. On Friday, depart Sheepshead Bay for the last few miles to Newport Marina. "I hope to round up a few other O'dayers," said Bob, "and the more the merrier!"

Bill Coxe, skipper of the O-40 *Kukulcan* out of New London, CT, has offered to escort any interested parties heading westbound through Long Island Sound. "Kukulcan will be leaving

probably Wednesday unless we try to take in some of the attractions along the way," Bill reports. "I haven't checked Eldridge's yet to check the East River currents; they will have a lot to do with our arrival time at Newport. In any case, we monitor Channels 16 and 9 all the way and would love to travel in company with anyone else."

You can e-mail Bill at wlcoxe@hotmail.com.

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**Why go it alone? Wherever you start out from, there's bound to be a fellow O'dayer going your way.**

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Another Sound sailor and rOnDAYvous® veteran, George Paiva, has already done his tide-and-current homework for his trip from Milford.

"I plan to leave Milford on Thursday around 8 am to take maximum high tide current going west to City Island," says George, who sails the O-22 *Estopa*. "From around 1 pm to 5 pm I will be going against the current, and might have to motorsail. I want to leave City Island on Friday to make the

high tide at Throgs Neck 12:42 pm and ride the current down the East River. Slack water is at 2:09 pm, and low tide is 3:13 pm at the Battery, when the current reverses and you can ride up to Jersey City with the flow."

Mike and Anne Novitsky's O-322 *Amazing Grace*, Rick and Joan Bartlett's O-26 *Apple O'day* and Rich and Elaine Breeden's O-30 *Jill E* are among the boats that will be heading west along the Connecticut shore, while Roy Murphy in the O-23 poptop *Wise Eyes* will be traveling along the Long Island side, possibly in the company of a few rOnDAYvous® rookies.

Capt. Mike Colucci will be heading down the Hudson River aboard his O-28 *Da Capo*, and is always willing to pick up fellow O'dayers en route. For more information, contact Mike at asax123@yahoo.com.

Jersey Shore sailors expected at the rOnDAYvous® will be coming in from homeports that include Manahawkin, Keyport and Shrewsbury. Capt. Pete Dodenhoff (your host at Newport Marina) can serve as contact point, if needed. Contact Pete at pooby\_99@yahoo.com.



*The social aspects of a rOnDAYvous® start before the actual event when you get there flotilla-style.*

**Newport Yacht Club & Marina, Jersey City, NJ**

**July 15-17, 2011**

# Driving to the rOnDAYvous®?

## Check out these lodging options

If you plan on driving rather than sailing to the rOnDAYvous®, the Waterfront District of Jersey City has a number of first-rate options for overnight lodging that are all within easy walking distance of Newport Marina. Here are some worth investigating. They are presented here without endorsement — simply as a way to get you started in your search. If you want more information, contact the establishments at the numbers provided or visit their Web sites.

(Another option, although likely to be more expensive, is to stay across the river in Manhattan. Doing so will also require you to take mass transit back and forth to rOnDAYvous® activities.)

**Courtyard by Marriott**, 540 Washington Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07310. Phone: 201-626-6600. Fax: 201-626-6601. [www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ewrnw-courtyard-jersey-city-newport](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ewrnw-courtyard-jersey-city-newport).

**Doubletree**, 455 Washington Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07310. Phone: 201-499-2400. Fax: 201-499-2406. [www.doubletree.hilton.com/JerseyCity](http://www.doubletree.hilton.com/JerseyCity).

**Westin**, 499 Washington Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07310. Phone: 201-626-2900. Fax: 201-626-2925. [www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3049](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3049).

**Holland Motor Lodge**, 175 12th St., Jersey City, NJ 07310. Phone: 201-963-6200. Fax: 201-420-5091. [www.hollandmotorlodge.com](http://www.hollandmotorlodge.com).

**Candlewood Suites**, 21 2nd St., Jersey City, NJ 07302. Phone: 201-659-2500. Fax: 201-659-2900. [www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cw/1/en/hotel/ewrjc](http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cw/1/en/hotel/ewrjc).

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## Recommended reading

*Whether you're sailing or driving, be sure to download and check out the handy 12-page arrival and information guide from IGY Newport.*

*Click here: <http://www.igymarinas.com/media/igy.arrival.guide.newport.lowres.pdf>*



## How far will you go?

Situated roughly dead-center in tristate O'Day owners' country, Newport Yacht Club & Marina in Jersey City is just a mile or so north of the Battery, providing easy reference for anyone packing a copy of Eldridge's on their boat. (That's pretty much everybody, right?)

Getting there may be more than your average daysail for most attendees, but distance is one factor that doesn't usually stop O'Day owners from getting to the annual rOnDAYvous®. The reason is simple: From the easternmost corner of Long Island Sound to the mid-Hudson Valley to the Jersey Shore and numerous points in between, O'Dayers have learned that the rOnDAYvous® is the place to be in mid-July.

Here's a sampling of the approximate distances some O'Day owners will travel to get to this year's gathering in Jersey City.

From:

Port Jefferson: 52 miles  
Fire Island Inlet: 51 miles  
Jones Inlet: 32 miles  
East Rockaway Inlet: 22 miles  
Bridgeport: 52 miles  
New London: 104 miles  
Manasquan Inlet: 40 miles  
Barnegat Inlet: 63 miles  
City Island: 18 miles  
Newburgh: 53 miles  
Haverstraw: 33 miles

So how far will you go?

(Source: NOAA "Distances Between United States Ports," 2009.)