

## **2013 SBYC Fall Newsletter**

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful fall weather this year. The Club had another busy and successful summer with racing, fun social events, interesting Thursday Night Talks (including one whale on the deck), and membership growth. Thanks to all who made these events, activities, and accomplishments possible. Also, thanks to Ron and his staff for the hard work they put in to make the Club run smoothly.

A special thank you to Steve and Katy Fritch as they step down as Social Committee Chairs after two years. Steve and Katy, along with their committee, have successfully mixed in creative new events with the traditional ones, resulting in an exciting and active social calendar. The enthusiasm and attendance at all the events has been great to see. Now that they have stepped down, the Board is looking for a new Social Committee Chair or Co-Chairs. If you are interested, please contact Margot Hintlian.

The Sailing Program had another great year. Jen Lambertz and her staff did an excellent job coaching the sailors and maintaining a high level of enthusiasm. We are certainly disappointed that Jen is moving on from Sandy Bay next year but she has made a lasting impression on the Sailing Program that will propel it forward. The Board is beginning the search process for a new Director.

It's hard for me to believe that I am wrapping up my second term as Commodore. It has been an honor serving as your Commodore for the past two years. I want to thank the Board of Governors, Ron, staff, and all the members who help out in so many ways to make the Sandy Bay Yacht Club the special place that it is to all of us. The Club is in good hands with Margot Hintlian as the next Commodore.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and winter.

Story Reed, Past Commodore

### **House Committee**

Indian Summer! The recent weather has been beautiful. But, summer is behind us now. Boats are safely stowed and winterized. The ice boats are getting pulled out and runners sharpened. Or, skis are out, getting edges sharpened and bottoms waxed. Snow birds have begun migrating south. The club floats are all safely put away on Granite Pier and all of the club's fleets are on the dock. Fall is in the air and winter is just a few short weeks away.

State of the Club - Overall, the club facilities are in good shape and we have made several improvements around the club. The track lights are a big one. New pilings around the dock have made the club more secure. The locker windows were replaced and repairs to the cupola up top on the roof were completed. Spring work day was well attended and we got a lot of painting done. Thanks all who participated.



*Tiger & crew(Braely & Myles) installing new pilings*



*New track lighting*

The Whitestar's diesel engine was replaced...



*Out with the old...*



*In with the new.*

Next year we will have a new list. If you have any ideas on club facilities that you would like to see repaired or updated be sure to let us know. We are hopeful that this winter will be kind to the club again this year!

Ship's store will be open for Holiday shopping: two Saturdays in November 23rd and 30th—11 am until 1 pm. Come take advantage of the Sandy Bay gift shop holiday shopping extravaganza! Many items at block buster sales prices! Bring your cash or check books and get in the buying spirit! Pick up those holiday gifts before the season starts. There are many new items in inventory that we received late in the season. We'll have a fire in the fireplace and be wearing our Holiday happy faces! I hope to see you all there with your Holiday cheer.

Have a great winter and we look forward to seeing you all in the spring (if not at the SBYC Holiday shopping spree!) or at the club after the Christmas pageant.

Earl Meredith and Frank Simmons, House Committee

## Social Committee

As always, summer went by WAY too quickly for my taste! But we were definitely able to fit in some awesome social events at SBYC. One of our favorites, and it looked like one of yours too, was the July cocktail party – Martini’s and Music. Everyone swayed and sang along with the Honky Tonk Women of Gloucester – and some took to the “dance floor” as well. As always, everyone enjoyed the tried and true events – the annual Steak and Lobster Fest and the fall Italian dinner. And there were a couple of surprise last minute additions to the social calendar, including guitar player John Jerome, who blew us away with songs we all knew to kick off Labor Day weekend.

We’d like to take a moment to thank everyone at the club for being so enthusiastic, appreciative and supportive of us and the social events over the last two years. We have really enjoyed planning and coordinating different ways for our membership to celebrate summer. While it would be impossible to thank everyone who helped out – since nearly everyone did in one way or another, whether setting up or breaking down, doing dishes (sometimes taking them home with you to wash!) and the like, we would be remiss if we didn’t single out Shirley Preston and Joanne Lavigne for always being there for whatever is needed!! Shirley’s eye for design and talent with decorations brings the events to the next level – I hope you all saw the amazing centerpieces she created at the End of Season cocktail party! And thanks also to Jan O’Keefe for manning the door and collecting the money at many of our events.



*Honky Tonk Women of Gloucester at one of our summer events.*

Sandy Bay Yacht Club is a unique and special place. And the team effort when it comes to social events really brings everyone together, and also sets us apart from other clubs. We look forward to

seeing what next summer brings! Have a great Fall, Winter and Spring, and we hope to see you at the annual Open House following Rockport's Christmas Pageant on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please feel free to bring an appetizer to share at the Pageant Open House.

Steve and Katy Fritch  
Social Committee Co-chairs

### **Membership Committee**

This time of year, there's something about the mercury dropping and the empty harbor that has us thinking about the 2013 SBYC season in the past tense. The Membership Committee hopes you have fond memories of your time spent enjoying the Club. Events hosted by the Membership Committee were quite successful and fun. Hopefully, you were able to attend some or all of them - Meet the Boats, Adult Sailing Program Info-Social and Casual Friday, to name a few.

There have been a few questions about the Club's policy regarding guests and visitors so it might be helpful to clarify that at this point. You can always review SBYC policies and by-laws on the Club's website, [www.sandybay.org](http://www.sandybay.org).

Let's look at the guest policy first (Article 6, Section 4 of the By-Laws). For our purposes, the definition of a guest is any non-member who does not live or own a business in Rockport or Gloucester. The privileges of membership are available to that guest for a maximum of 14 days, once a year. The guest policy assumes that your guest does not own a boat nor do they use launching facilities of the Club. If they do, then your guest needs to apply for "Temporary Membership". As you can see, the intent of this policy is to make some provision for Senior members to invite out-of-town guests to the Club for a limited amount of time. The guest policy also includes extending privileges to members of other yacht clubs.

Got that? Now, let's look at the visitor policy (Article 6, Section 5 of the By-Laws). A visitor is a non-member living or having a business in Rockport or Gloucester for at least one month per year. All visitors must be accompanied by a Senior member. Club privileges are extended to that visitor for one day only. The same guest cannot visit more frequently than once every thirty days. As with guests, Club members are responsible for their visitor's behavior while at the Club.

Now, a couple of additional thoughts; What about spouses and family members? Well, if they live or own a business in Rockport or Gloucester, the visitor policy applies. If they live outside of Rockport or Gloucester and do not own a business there the guest policy applies. More importantly, if your spouse, family member or friends accompany you on a regular basis, it is expected that they would apply for a membership of their very own! It would be prudent to mention at this time that the visitor and guest policies also apply to those non-member individuals who are crewing during the race season. It is expected that skippers will advise their crew to become Club members should they wish to participate above and beyond the frequency allowed by the guest and visitor policies.

Hopefully this helps to provide a bit of clarity to what can be a confusing issue. Feel free to ask for clarification as needed. The goal of the policies is to provide guidance and direction to help introduce the Club to as many folks as possible while preserving the privileges of Club members.

The Membership Committee wishes you a warm and joyful season ahead. We hope to see you after the Christmas Pageant on December 21 for a glass of holiday cheer!

Henrietta Hung, Jo-Ann Lavigne, Ellen Lidington, Kristen Pluntze, Lori Uhmeyer, Rob Volpe and Suzanne Gosselin, Chair

### **Race Committee**

I know how you feel. Another season has gone by too quickly, right? And so it goes. We had a wonderful sailing season thanks to the weather and list of the following dedicated folks below.

All sailing fleets – Without you guys, there's no us guys!

Steve Ouellette – Thank you for being there at the start of the season when I couldn't be there. You're a wonderful back-up.

Guy Parsons & Steve Fritch – Thank you both for the use of your boats during the season when the Emily Wick was commandeered by other racing events during the season. Or broken down!!!

Jim Kubik – Having you onboard for the Ned Hay Star Boat Regatta was a treat. Your knowledge of the Star fleet mindset was helpful. Next it's Black Flag for them. Just kidding!

Frank Hassler – Thank you for your service on the SBYC RC. Saturday's will never be the same. (Frank is NOT leaving us. He will be on-call duty next year.)

Capt. Bill Chambers – Thank you for all your time on the Emily Wick and your help during the Ned Hay Regatta.

Ron Petoff – To the one and only Mr. Ubiquitous. You're always there for us and we're lucky to have you. Thank you, sir.

And to Mr. Story Reed – you performed brilliantly during your tenure as Commodore of SBYC. (No Pun Intended because of the new lighting at the club!) Thank you for your service to the Club.

Lastly, I want to give warm and grateful THANKS to Dana Jorgenson, Scott Hale, Roger Lesch, Russ Smith, Guy Parsons, Jo-Ann Lavigne and Betsy Salas for all your time and efforts during the race season. You guys are truly a wonderful team to work with every year. Thank you guys and girls very much!

I'm going to miss all the fleets and non-sailing members of the club this winter. We hope to see you on the water or at the club or both next year.

Keep warm this winter!

Ed Salas

SBYC Race Committee Chair



## **Development Committee**

Three well attended Thursday Evening Talks were held this summer.

The Whale Mobile presentation by Cynde McInnis had all ages fascinated with this interactive program about whales. The program included a life-sized, 43 foot female humpback whale on the SBYC deck ... inflatable that is! Holding a family oriented program was a great way to kick off the Series.

In July, Earl Kishida delivered a personal account of the preparation, splashdown and Recovery of the Apollo 16. An overview of the Soviet/US Space Race from 1957 to 1975 reiterated this epic period in space exploration.

In the final Talk, Erik Ronnberg Jr, internationally known master ship modeler and maritime historian discussed the history of the last of the wool clippers and the great grain races. Erik shared incredible photos which brought these periods to life.

Three or four Talks are planned for next summer. Please contact me with your suggestions.

Joanne Levin  
Development

**Treasurer's Report as of 11/16/13**

The cash flow chart for Operating Fund income continues to exceed benchmark expectations. Current income YTD is \$21,696 above the budget plan. Two major revenue components account for most of the windfall, Membership and Social Events. (In the latter case, costs are up as well.)

The cash flow chart for Operating Fund expense shows that total expenses YTD are 1.6% above benchmark expectations. Estimates at closeout costs are 2.0% under benchmark, not including capital expenditures from the General Fund (\$3,923.00).

We continue to be in good shape. One might even say great shape thanks to Ron's prudent management.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Hassler, Treasurer