



SBYC Fall Newsletter, 2014

Season's greetings to all -

Not long ago we were awarding trophies. Although the boats are hauled and the club is buttoned up ready to bear the winter months, there has been quite a flurry of recent activity. We had a successful chowder cook off in early November and a successful "Black Friday" sale of SBYC apparel and goods. For the last minute shoppers, we are planning one more shopping day, Sunday December 21. Lastly, there is the after the Rockport Christmas Pageant social at the club on Saturday December 20.

In the spirit of thanksgiving, I would like to thank the membership for its continued generosity in supporting the capital campaign. The campaign is focused on the safety and good operating condition of the club to keep an enjoyable place to be and a proud place to welcome sailing visitors. Many thanks to Steve Ouellette who initiated a cruising fleet fund raising dinner. The cruising fleet and raised over \$7,000 which is dedicated to replacing the ramp down to the launch float.

During the winter months, we will be setting the budgets and the social and racing calendars. Please let Greg Wilkinson and Ed Salas know of any planned regattas for your fleets. This coming season we will also continue with the working practice of members sponsoring / hosting the social events. With advance planning, we can ensure that the dinners and cocktail events take place evenly across the summer months. So please let me know what event you would like to hosting and I will see that you get the appropriate support.

I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or comments you may have.

All the best to you and your families.

Margot Hintlian, Commodore

Membership Committee

Those of us on the Membership Committee hope all members had a fun and enjoyable 2014 season at SBYC. What was your most memorable moment at the Club this past season? And how will you pass the time this winter before enjoying the 2015 season? Heading north for the slopes, cruising warmer waters or hunkering down and riding out the winter? If you're in the area be sure to drop by the Club for the annual SBYC Open House on December 20th following the Rockport Christmas Pageant which begins at 5pm. All members are invited and a small dish/appetizer for the table is welcomed.

Looking ahead, we hope to again host the Beverly Sail and Power Squadron's America's Boating Course at SBYC this coming Spring. Members are offered the opportunity to register for this popular 4 week course before posting to the public so look for your email notice this Spring for further details. Learn more about this land-based educational boating program at:

<http://www.beverly-usps.org/EducPages/boatingClasses.html>

For those members who enjoy reading about all things nautical, here are a few websites with book suggestions to help pass the time until we are afloat again. Enjoy!

<http://www.classicboat.co.uk/articles/25-great-seafaring-books/>

<http://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/sailing>

<http://online.wsj.com/articles/SB121399877999692955>

SBYC Membership Committee

Jo-Ann Lavigne

Ellen Lidington

Kristen Pluntze

Lori Uhmeyer

Wanda Visnick

Rob Volpe

Suzanne Gosselin, Chair

Development Committee

Three well attended Thursday Evening Talks were held this summer.

The first Talk involved the Charles W. Morgan, the last whaler in the country. Chris Freeman, the Director of Development at Mystic Seaport, discussed the Restoration and 38th voyage of the Charles W. Morgan. Chris presented this book and flag to share the story with Sandy Bay membership.

Paul Duval, a relatively new Sandy Bay member and a Lexington Minute Man since 1991, discussed a little known but important battle of the American Revolutionary War – The Battle of Chelsea Creek.

The final Talk was presented by SBYC member and adult sailing instructor Bill Rapp. All of us who attended Bill's Talk about his involvement with the SailBlind program were greatly inspired. Five members of the team accompanied Bill and spoke about their challenges, experiences and accomplishments. An incredible video of the 2013 Blind Sailing World Championship, held in Japan, was shared.

Planning for the Talks is ongoing during the fall/winter so if you would like to be involved with the Thursday Evening Talk series or have a suggestion for a subject or presenter, please contact Joanne Levin, joanne@4meadow.com or 508-284-6800.

House Committee

Many needed improvements, repairs and upgrades were enacted this summer: New Outdoor Freezer, 3 New Skiffs, New Fiberglass Gutters, New Fiberglass Oil Tank, New Water Heater (it failed after a mere 31 years of service), and a New Kitchen! Recently Ron & I spent a morning applying lots of weather sealing to the front windows and door that should prevent snow from entering the building. In general the house is in good shape after the significant investment over the last 2 + years. We're rolling in to planning season where we'll look to address some minor plumbing upgrades to the bathrooms. And you can look forward to seeing a new ramp going to our launch floats this summer!

Frank Simmons



Race Committee

The Race Committee is looking for those who are interested in getting on the water and become a member on a team of well-seasoned race committee aboard the RC Boat Emily L. Wick on race days (Weekends, Wednesday nights and Holidays.). Through the winter we will better define roles and tasks and training so that more can be involved. Stay tuned for more!

Ed Salas



Breakwater Project

Classic Site Solutions, a contractor for the Army Corps of Engineers, has been preparing to rebuild the Bearskin Neck breakwater. Materials (large boulders) have been delivered to Granite Pier, and equipment has been positioned at the end of Bearskin Neck. Although the crane barge has not arrived yet, it should be here soon, and they are still hopeful to have the project completed by the end of March.

