



SANDY BAY YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2010

Winter's almost behind us and Spring is coming up fast!

Despite 2009's difficult financial climate, the Club managed to break even for the year thanks to very successful social functions and tight control of spending. In an effort to keep our finances in good shape, the Board of Governors has instituted a slight increase in dues and fees for 2010 (the first increase

in two years). This will allow establishing a small buffer to guard against ever-increasing costs of operation and unforeseen expenses during the year.

This year is the Club's 125th anniversary, and a special committee is being formed to make certain that it's commemorated with enthusiasm and excitement! There will be several anniversary events (including a dance), special yacht club wear, displays of old photos, etc., to celebrate - we hope you all will join in the fun!

Most of all, though, the new season will mean sailing, and we're very fortunate to have Jen Doyle with us again as Director of the youth sailing program, Steve Ouellette returning as Race Committee chair, Ron Petoff as Club Manager, and many others to help make this summer season enjoyable and memorable.

Ken Kaiser, Commodore



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 30, 11 A.M.

Please note that this year, the Annual Business meeting will be held on Sunday, May 30 at 11 a.m. at the club. This is a change from previous years, when the business meeting was held in July.

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ROCKPORT HARBOR DEPARTMENT 2010

It's that time of year to think about getting your boats and moorings ready for the upcoming summer season. We continue to ask that you inspect your mooring gear (or have it inspected) and properly mark your white mooring ball with the horizontal blue strip around the middle with your name and boat length clearly marked.

A Hurricane/storm Preparedness plan is important to us all. Each boat owner needs a plan which will enable a quick and safe method to get your boat and or boats in your fleet out of the water and relocated to a safe location. Granite Pier and the Park & Ride on upper Main Street are available for temporary storage during an emergency.

The winter has had some wild winds and heavy seas which makes it even more important to have the required mooring work done before you get your boats back in the water.

We look forward to a safe summer season and thank you for the cooperation that makes Sandy Bay such a wonderful place for boating.

Contact the Rockport Harbormasters at the T-Wharf office with office hours on Thursday nights 7-8:30pm or call 978-546-9589 or email harbormaster@town.rockport.ma.us

Rockport Harbormasters
Rosemary Lesch, Scott Story, Ron Petoff and Story Reed

SCHOLARSHIP AND SAILING PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Jen Doyle will be returning for her

fourth year as Director of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club Sailing Program. Jen brings a wealth of experience and talent to the position and she is excited to be returning this summer. In addition, we have many returning instructors: Alex Levin, Anthony Santos, Darby Smith, Amelia Quinn, Lee Lyon, and Jared Dunn who will help continue the progress the program has made under Jen's leadership, and to implement changes where needed.

The sailing program will continue to provide instruction in Optimist, 420's and Rhodes 19's. Opportunities to move into racing or to pursue the adventure/cruising track will be available to suit the varied needs of our sailors. Fun, safety and learning will be the program's watchwords as we provide an experience that will

lead to a lifelong love of the sport of sailing and lasting friendships.

Registration will take place at the Club on Sunday, May 2nd. Returning sailors can register between noon and 1:30 p.m. and new sailors can register between 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Jen will be available then to discuss class placements for those who may be unsure of their child's appropriate placement. If you would like to contact her prior to registration, send her an email at jenniferkdoyle@gmail.com.

Orientation will take place on Sunday, June 27th and will include a kick-off barbecue for the sailors and families. Classes begin for the first session on Monday, June 28th.

The brochure for the Sailing Program and all registration materials will be available online at www.sandybay.org. Check the website often for program news and announcements throughout the summer.

Charlie Clark,
Chairman, Sailing Program

JUNIOR MEMBERS COMMITTEE

The Sandy Bay Junior Yacht Club will be planning a full schedule of activities for junior members this summer. Led by Commodore Julie Zavrl, Vice Commodore Ben Zorfias as well as the JYC committee, Alex Paradise, Isabel Fitzpatrick and Sarah Visnick, the Junior Yacht Club serves all junior members of the Club. Any ideas or suggestions for junior activities should be directed to Julie or Ben. They are looking forward to making this summer a fun and memorable one.

Charlie Clark, *Advisor, Junior Yacht Club*

DEVELOPMENT AND THURSDAY TALKS

In celebration of SBYC's 125 years we plan an exciting

series of Thursday Talks with wine receptions featuring our members' reach in the world.

- The line-up will include our by now traditional kick-off on July 1 by Bill Lee with new insights and fascinating glimpses of marine and maritime life.
- William "Wilber" James will talk on his experiences in Africa in a compelling presentation of changes there over the last decades.
- Mason Browne will speak on his experiences travelling to the forests of the world including those in Brazil and Uruguay to evaluate resources and timber investing.
- Erik Ronnberg will offer "A Tale of Two Trawlers" and speak about his recent master works, the trawler models ALASKA OCEAN which now resides at the Smithsonian and the SYLVESTER WHALEN; he will provide an analysis of the state of the art in trawler fishing and the differences in fishing technology on the West Coast and here.
- A sailing seminar on aspects of tactics and strategy will be scheduled with Jud Smith, a Rolex Yachtsman of the Year.
- And just in time for our last Talk, Joanna Clark will return to Rockport to regale us with tales from her trip on the Barque Picton Castle's 5th world voyage covering the segment from Nova Scotia to Pitcairn Island ending in Raratonga.

A block buster 125th Anniversary Thursday program on Sandy Bay Yacht Club over the years with contributions from many Old and New Salts, bits of the best history covering vintage scenes, memorable events and the artist members of SBYC is being planned, and we welcome your suggestions.

Turning to Development, your donations are welcome for ongoing improvements. Voluntary contributions are much appreciated in any amount for our 125th Year Fund and may be sent in with your dues this spring. Many thanks for your support. Cheers!

Liz Kubik

FINANCE COMMITTEE

After three years of operating surpluses, we ended the 2009 operating year with a budget deficit of 0.95% (\$2,258.18). Given the global economic difficulties, it isn't surprising that we experienced a fall off in membership and revenue. It's a testimonial to club leadership and management that we managed to limit our losses to a great degree. As a result, for the fourth year in a row, "All in all, the club finances are in excellent shape and we have a solid financial foundation for the coming year." We are prepared to sail on, on an even keel and hope for fair winds as we look forward to the new season.

Frank Hassler, *Treasurer.*

HOUSE COMMITTEE

As in the past several years, the facilities and equipment are in good shape for the coming season

in large part due to the continued volunteer efforts of the club members, as well as the hard work of Ron and the staff. In 2009, we scaled back a bit on planned projects due to uncertainty in revenues but we were able to accomplish getting the floor redone and a few other small projects. Capital projects that are being looked at in the short term include replacing the upstairs sliders, new lighting inside the clubhouse, and making some improvements in the snack bar.

Looking ahead, we will examine replacing the clubhouse windows. The capital

projects list is continuously being updated and reprioritized based on our needs and budget

Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions for additional House Committee projects. We look forward to seeing you on May 22nd.

WORK DAY MAY 22ND

Please reserve Saturday, May 22nd as the date for the Spring Work Day. We begin at 8:30 am and serve lunch to all of our volunteers. Sunday, May 23rd will be the rain date. The usual list of activities includes:

- Sand and varnish rockers,
- Painting (e.g. trim on the front of the club, the eaves under the lockers),
- Repairing club floats,
- Minor woodworking projects,
- Maintaining and cleaning the deck,
- Updating plant and equipment inventory for capital budgeting process
- Miscellaneous other start of the season activities.

Volunteers are also needed to staff the club store on Sunday mornings between 9:30 and 11. A sign up sheet will be posted at the club in May, or contact us if you would like to help out.

*Earl Meredith,
House Committee Chair
Story Reed,
Vice-Commodore*

There are many great reasons to be a SBYC member. The membership committee has many ideas on how to enhance SBYC as a community club where tons of fun and social activities abound. This year the membership committee includes: Dana Jorgensson, Lia Farel, Bob Visnick, Marilyn Thompson, Betsy Levick, Henrietta Hung and Bruce Engel, Chairman.

Membership is vitally important for a club such as SBYC. Last year we experienced the lowest membership rolls in over 20 years, due primarily to the tough economic times. We encourage everyone to introduce a new person to our club. Invite your friends and business associates to visit us on Sunday mornings and enjoy coffee and baked sweets! If each and every one of us recruits one new member we can significantly rebuild our membership. The Club is a great place to network professionally to expand your links, maybe even learn about a new job opportunity. It also is a great place to connect with old friends. Our members are a wonderful group of people who are drawn together by wind, water, boats and gobs of fun! The SBYC membership committee is exploring new membership

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

recruitment incentives. Stay tuned and learn how you may be rewarded by bringing in new members.

The membership committee organizes special events to entice new members and nurture current members. The Sunday morning coffees will certainly continue and there may be some fun activities associated with them. Invite a new friend (non member) to join us for coffee and goodies. Introduce them to one of our membership committee members and we'll recruit them into membership!

Get ready for "Casual Fridays" (cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the front porch!), for new members, tentatively scheduled for June 11th & July 9th. Look for more exciting raffles (last year we had whale watch tickets, bottles of wine, and gifts certificates from the ship's store). We are also planning new surprises for this year!

The Membership Committee continues to be committed to working very closely with the Social Committee and the Junior Yacht Club. We want to recruit family members from

those Junior Yacht Club members enrolled in the sailing program. If you have a child in the sailing program, please consider joining as a family.

It is our mission to ensure that the SBYC meets the expectations of all members. In order for us to be successful, we need to hear from you. Committee members will wear navy blue SBYC Membership Committee Polo shirts to facilitate locating those of us who can assist you in recruiting new members and helping new members become part of our SBYC family. Additionally, we will post a Membership Committee notice board and committee member photographs at the club. Please feel free to contact Bruce Engel if you have any recommendations on membership or need recruitment materials.

We're looking forward to a wonderful club season, welcoming you back as returning members, and inviting new folks to join our club.

*Bruce Engel,
Chairman*

RACE COMMITTEE

As the weather breaks, Race Committee is

already getting things in motion for the season. Although we have no large regattas scheduled, we are nonetheless sending members of the committee to US Sailing Race Management Seminars to improve skills and ensure we have enough trained PROs to staff the committee boat while developing a stronger Race Committee program. At present we are still envisioning use of fleet supplied personnel as crew, although our hope is to transition to full time race committee staff over time.

All racers are encouraged to attend the skipper's meeting at the club on May 29, 2010 to discuss any changes to the sailing instructions, modifications to the normal season racing format and special races. At present, we do not anticipate significant changes to the sailing instructions. I encourage Fleet Captains to poll their fleets as to desired changes to

the instructions and particularly with regard to the format for special races such as the Haskin and Simpson races. These races have lost participation over the years due to lack of standard boats, etc... but are an important part of our racing heritage and schedule and should not be lost.

As always, we are looking for additional committee members, both Primary Race Officers and boat crew, who can commit to a regular schedule on the committee boat or operate their own or club furnished mark and safety boats. Race Committee offers a unique opportunity for members with or without racing experience to spend time on the water, observe racing close up and be part of the club's central activity-without the expense and hassle of owning a boat. For racers, it offers a great opportunity to hone your skills in starting and reading a race courses by seeing what goes into setting them up and observing racing close up. Participation in Race Management opens doors at

other clubs and opportunities to participate in large regattas and see racing close up in a way that regulator spectators can't.

Stephen Ouellette
Race Committee Chairman



DOCK SPACE NOTICE

Please get your request to your fleet captain or to me by May 1st if you are looking to use one of the limited spaces on the dock. The lottery for dock space is planned to take place on work day. Thanks!!

Norma Brettell,
SBYC Fleet Captain



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2010 SBYC RACE SCHEDULE

May 29,30,31	Hilary Smart Memorial Day Series
June 5,6,12,13,19,20,26,27	June Series (Founders' Series)
July 3,4,5	July 4th Series
July 10,11,17,18,24,25,31, Aug. 1	July Series - One-Design
August 7,8,14,15,21,22,28,29	August Series - One-Design
To be Announced	Summer Series - Cruising Class
September 4,5,6	Labor Day Series
June 16 - August 25	Wednesday Evening - Mid-Week Series

Races, Regattas & Special Events

March 18-20	Bullseye Nationals - Key Largo, Florida
May 29	SBYC Skippers and Crew Meeting at noon
June 26	Cape Ann Challenge - Cruising Class - AYC to EPYC
June 25-27	Rhodes 19 East Coast Championship - New Bedford Y.C., Padanaram, MA
July 9-11	Star District Championship - Cottage Park Y.C., Winthrop, MA
July 9	Linda Wieditz Opti Regatta
July 10	Ipswich Bay Chowder Cup - Cruising Class
July 11	Haskins Race - Adults in each boat
July 17	Cherry Clark Memorial Race
July 19-20	Marblehead Junior Race Week
July 22-25	Marblehead Race Week
July 24	Ned Cameron Race - JR & SR in each boat
July 25	Bobette Simpson Race - Women's Championship
July 25	Hale Cup - Men's Championship
July 30	Squam Day - Annisquam Yacht Club
July 31	Cruising Class Ocean Race for the Wheeler Trophy
August 4	Tim Baker Race
August 7,8	Ned Hay Star Regatta
August 9-11	USA Jr. Olympic Sailing Festival, Mass Bay - Pleon Y.C., Marblehead
August 14	Flying Scot NE District Championship - Stone Horse Y.C. Harwichport, MA
August 18-20	Rhodes 19 Nationals - Corinthian Y.C., Marblehead, MA
September 3-6	Gloucester Schooner Festival
September 4	Gloucester Mayor's Cup - Cruising Class
September 6	SBYC Awards Ceremony
September 11	Great Race - Cruising Class - Annisquam Y.C.
September 11	Kam Kammerer Race - Flying Scots & Rhodes 19s
September 11	George Warren Smith Race - Bullseyes
September 12	Gusto Cup - Flying Scots & Rhodes 19s
September 12	Peter Vincent Race - Bullseyes

WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE SCHEDULE

SANDY BAY YACHT CLUB 2010 SOCIAL CALENDAR

Saturday, May 1	Spring Dinner (Gloucester House)	
Saturday May 22	Work Day (rain date: Sunday May 23)	
Saturday, May 29	Commodore's Reception	6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Sunday, May 30	First Sunday Coffee	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 30	Business Meeting for members at SBYC	11:00 a.m.
Friday, June 11	"Casual Friday" for new members	6:00 to 8:00 pm
Saturday, June 19	First Dinner (Theme TBD) Watch for Sign-Up at the Club	6:30 Social Hour, 7:30 p.m. Dinner
Sunday, July 4	Chowder Day at SBYC at noon	
Friday, July 9	"Casual Friday" for new members	6:00 to 8:00 pm
Saturday, July 17	Steak & Lobster Dinner at SBYC Watch for Sign-Up at the Club	6:30 Social Hour, 7:30 p.m. Dinner
Saturday, August 21	125th Anniversary Celebration Dance Watch for Details & Sign-Up at the Club	
Sunday, August 29	Annual Meeting at SBYC	11:00 a.m.
Monday, September 6	Labor Day Youth Activities Awards Ceremony - 2010 Racing Season	
Saturday, September 25	Fall Harvest Dinner at the Club	6:30 Social Hour, 7:30 Dinner
Saturday, October 16	Italian Dinner at the Club	6:30 Social Hour, 7:30 Dinner
Saturday, December 18	Holiday Open House following the Pageant	

Check at the Club for additions, changes and more details.