



SANDY BAY YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2011

It's been a long tough winter, but Spring always seems to follow, and today as I write this, the year's first snowdrops are pushing their way up through the thin layer of snow covering our garden...

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Club managed to break even for 2010 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 2011 -- this will allow establishing a small buffer to guard against ever-increasing costs of operation and unforeseen expenses during the year.

The Christmas storm caused considerable damage to the end of T-Wharf and to the Club's front porch. Repair of the damage to the wharf itself is the Town's responsibility, but the Club is responsible for repairing the porch. Unfortunately, our insurance does not cover this type of damage, so we already have incurred our first "unforeseen" expense for the year -- the total is expected to be about \$8,000.

And, as you have already been notified, we will have to install a system to contain and treat waste water from washing boats at the Club. We have a good group working on possible solutions, and will keep everyone updated.

BUT – The Sandy Bay Yacht Club is all about sailing, developing our skills, and, most of all, enjoying ourselves and each other! We're very fortunate that the Club is in good shape financially, and that we have a strong group to help make the summer successful -- Jen Doyle will be with us again as Director of the youth sailing program, Steve Ouellette is returning as Race Committee chair, and (thank goodness) Ron Petoff will be back as Club Manager.

Happy sailing -- have an enjoyable and memorable summer!

Ken Kaiser, Commodore



ROCKPORT HARBOR DEPARTMENT 2011

It is that time of year again to be thinking of getting your boats and moorings ready for the upcoming summer season. It has been a tough winter and we ask that you inspect your mooring gear (or have it inspected) before you put your boat in. Properly mark your white mooring ball with the horizontal blue strip around the middle with your name and boat length clearly marked on the buoy.

A Hurricane/storm Preparedness plan also continues to be 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.

A special thanks to Sandy Bay Yacht club and those club members who gave up their moorings for the weekend of June 25-28, 2010 to help accommodate the 5 Navy training vessels who made Rockport their "Port of Call". We look forward to another visit from the 5- 44' sailing vessels and know they look forward to the hospitality of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club.

For questions or concerns 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

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 29, 11 A.M.**

SCHOLARSHIP AND SAILING PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Jen Doyle will be returning to Sandy Bay for her fifth

year as Program Director of the Sailing Program. She is excited to return and we are excited to have her back with the wealth of experience she brings. She will be assisted by some old faces and some new faces this summer as in past years.

During the winter we sold all nine 420's to other programs and purchased nine new 420's that will be arriving this spring. Our planned replacement of the fleet ensures that our sailors have the best equipment possible for both teaching and racing. Come have a look in mid June when the boats will all be put together for the summer.

Additionally, in order to meet increased student demand, we purchased an additional six Optimists to bring the size of the program's fleet to eighteen.

These new boats will help ensure that we accommodate as many sailors as we can at all levels.

The sailing program will continue to provide instruction in Optis, 420's and Rhodes 19's. Opportunities to move into racing or to pursue the adventure/cruising track will be available to suit the needs of our sailors. Fun, safety and learning will continue to guide us as we try and 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, March 20 from noon until three. Jen will be available to discuss class placements for those 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.

Charlie Clark, Sailing Program Chairman

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chair Lori Kaiser reports that last season's events were all very successful, thanks to the help of many volunteers and to all of you who attended!

Lori is also very pleased to announce that **Betty Ann St. Germain** will be joining the Committee as co-chair this year. They have lots of great events planned, including a Mexican Fiesta and a summer dance (theme and details to be announced).

As always, Club members who wish to volunteer their time to help with functions are warmly encouraged to do so!

DEVELOPMENT AND THURSDAY TALKS

Many thanks to our donors! We have raised a total

of \$24,675 in gifts to the Sandy Bay Yacht Club Sailing Program and Scholarship Fund, Inc. toward our goal of \$50,000 for the purchase of the six Optis and the replacement of the 420 Fleet. If you have not had a chance to donate please consider a gift as our fundraising will continue over the coming months--your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law as the Sandy Bay Yacht Club Sailing Program and Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and your gift may be made in installments. As you know the Sailing Program is dependent on supplementing dues and fees for major purchases to keep the cost in reach for all families. Checks may be mailed to Sandy Bay Yacht Club Sailing Program, P.O. Box 37, Rockport, MA 01966. We are striving for a high participation and welcome gifts of any amount. As I wrote in our November solicitation letter we have sold the old 420s and the amount received is being applied to the purchase of the replacement boats.

A great group of members have been lined up for the initial Thursday Talks. Skip Montello will present a look at fishing on Cape Ann covering what fish are where and what to do to maximize your catch, and he will have some stunning photographs in his presentation on June 30. Greg Wilkinson, who has gone on to become the top college coach in the country, will present a program on starting strategies and share his tactics and information

on how to get the best position and the best performance out of your boat, yourself and crew. He will speak on July 7. Paul St. Germain will talk on July 28 about the history of the events and illustrations in his book on Thacher's Island and describe upcoming plans for the Island. An additional program will be announced in a couple of months.

I would welcome volunteers to host and help with the Talks this season--you can reach me at lizkubik@gmail.com.

Liz Kubik, Development

FINANCE COMMITTEE

After three years of operating surpluses, we ended the 2009 operating year with a budget deficit of 0.95% (\$2,258.18). All in all, in 2010 the club expenses exceeded our total receipts by \$4,562.77, due primarily to capital expenditures. \$8,000 in potential expenditures were deferred, but the necessity of installing FOG (Fats, Oils, & Grease) traps to meet state and local regulations accounts for more than the overall shortfall experienced. In addition, the club replaced the snack bar griddle and hood, installed new sliders on the 2nd floor, and acquired a new computer. Despite the further reduction of our reserves, the club ended the year with a total of \$117, 229.22 in our combined accounts. In summary, it was a very good year, considering...and overall, finances are in satisfactory shape.

Frank Hassler, Treasurer.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

This winter has been rough! Many long cold days, heavy snows and high seas have resulted in damage to the front porch of the club and the end of T-wharf. You can see pictures of the damage on the SBYC web site. We have arranged for a contractor to begin repair work immediately, but we will have to work collaboratively with the Town of Rockport to finish all repairs before we open the club in May. The House Committee and Board of Governors anticipate the major repair work to be completed by mid May.

Last year we made several improvements to the snack bar and kitchen, installed new sliding doors upstairs in the offices and made needed repairs to bathroom facilities. We originally planned to continue improvements around the club like replacing windows and improving lighting in the main room, but with needed repairs to the front porch, those projects will be put on hold until further notice.

The House Committee established an ad-hoc committee to address boat washing compliance issues (see letter from the Commodore and new boat washing policy in this news letter). The ad-hoc committee worked over the winter to research options and look for cost effective and equitable solutions to this issue. I want to thank Steve Ouellette, Ron Petoff, Story Reed, and Ken Kaiser for

TWO WORK DAYS—MAY 14TH & 15TH

As in the past, the House Committee will be organizing a work day in May. This year, we will have a slightly different format. To make it more convenient for folks to volunteer to participate in a work day, we will have two consecutive weekends in May (Saturday the 14th-Sunday the 15th rain date, and Saturday the 21st-Sunday the 22nd rain date) to allow more opportunities for club members to help get the club ship-shape! So, if you cannot make it on the 14th, you're in luck, you can join us for the second day on the 21st! There'll be lots to do so put it on your calendars now. Hope to see you there.

working so hard to find ways in complying with environmental regulations. Great work guys!

Volunteers are always needed to staff the ship's store on Sunday mornings between 9:30 and 11. There will be lots of new and exciting things to buy with SBYC logos. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted at the club in May, or contact Earl Meredith if you would like to help out.

Have a great spring and we look forward to a great sailing/boating/partying season this year!

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to all Club members who had a hand in bringing new members on board this past year. As a result of everyone's efforts, new membership increased by almost 5% compared to 2009. While all SBYC members are encouraged to attract new members, the driving force behind this effort are the dedicated individuals of the Membership Committee - Lia Farel, Henrietta Hung, Dana Jorgensson, Betsy Levick, Marilyn Thompson, Bob Visnick and Bruce Engel, Chair. Bruce, who is moving on to be the next Fleet Captain, will hand the baton to Suzanne R. Gosselin.

The Membership Committee will continue to be an active and visible presence at the club in the upcoming year with a variety of events and programs in the making. We will be sponsoring the ever popular Casual Fridays again this summer so mark your calendars for June 17th and July 22nd. Casual Fridays are a fun and easy way for current new members (2011) and members from the previous year (2010) to meet and mingle with other club members, enjoy some tasty light bites and adult beverages all while taking in the "best view in Rockport" from the front porch. There's the

opportunity to learn more about what SBYC has to offer, win great raffle gifts and get to know fellow members.

Of course, all club members are invited, as always, to Sunday morning coffee offered every Sunday (9:30-11am) from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. These informal coffees, complete with an array of baked goodies and snacks, are also a great way to introduce a potential new member to the club. There are always Committee members (look for the navy blue SBYC shirt!) at the coffees who would be happy to provide your guest with a tour of the club and answer any questions they might have.

We look forward to combining efforts in-house with the Social Committee to keep the energy high for all members to enjoy Club events. We are also initiating plans to host an "Evening Business Exchange" with the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce this upcoming season.

Attracting new members is only part of the Membership Committee's job.

The livelihood and prosperity of SBYC is directly linked to the vitality and satisfaction of its membership. To that end, the Membership Committee is concerned with retaining current members as well as attracting new members. We have several ideas that have been generated to address the needs of all members and will share these with you as they mature into viable programs and plans.

In essence, reaching out to new members is something we can all do. Taking a moment to connect with a new face, answer a question or point them in the right direction can make a big difference to a new member's experience. If you have an idea about how to boost and retain membership please contact Suzanne (srgosselin@comcast.net) with your thoughts and ideas.

We're looking forward to another great season at SBYC whether it's on the porch or on the water. See you there!

S R Gosselin

RACE COMMITTEE

With skiing still underway and spring just over the horizon, the Race Committee is already at work preparing for the upcoming season. We are pushing for more members to become certified as race officer - last year Charlie Clark was certified as a regional race officer, giving us two certified race officers. At least two members will be attending race officer training course at Eastern Yacht Club this spring.

We expect a fairly busy season with SBYC hosting both Rhodes 19 and the Flying Scot Districts, in addition to our usual, active racing schedule. SBYC continues to have the most active weekly one design racing program on Cape Ann.

Although we received very positive feedback from the fleet as to last season's operations, we will be looking to improve racing even more, and are considering multiple races for some fleets on weekends. Fleets wishing to have multiple races should have their fleet captains contact me.

We have unsuccessfully sought input on how to incorporate the Simpson and Hale Cups races into our schedule and the best format, but have not gotten much response. Absent some input from the fleets, I do not anticipate their being resurrected.

Due to financial constraints, our quest for a new mark boat is on hold, although we still expect to move forward with normal upgrades to the committee boat and race equipment. (If anyone knows of a 20-23 foot center console that might be available for donation, please let me know.) Bob Smith, our "armoror," has restored the two Winchester cannons, which will be used to sound colors at the club.

As always, Race Committee is looking for new members. Race Committee is an exciting opportunity to be on the water at the center of activity, and to experience racing from a different perspective. Whether working on the committee boat, mark boat, line boat or safety boat, on the water activity is exciting and opens doors at other clubs and major sailing events to become part of a race management

team. No training or experience is necessary, just a willingness to be a team member. Whether you are a sailor, racer, power boat owner, or just want to get out on the water, give race committee a try! Our first Committee meeting/social will be in late April or early May, so please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

The SBYC Race Committee looks forward to seeing you all out on the water for a fun and safe sailing season.

Stephen Ouellette, Race Committee Chairman, smo@fishlaw.com

DOCK SPACE NOTICE

Greetings to all SBYC members. If you are interested in reserving a space on the dock this year please inform your fleet captain or myself by May 1st. The lottery drawing is planned to take place on the club's work day.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone this Spring.

Bruce M. Engel, Fleet Captain



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2011 SBYC RACE SCHEDULE

May 28,29,30 Hilary Smart Memorial Day Series
June 4,5,11,12,18,19,25,26 . . . June Series (Founders' Series)
July 2,3,4. July 4th Series
July 9,10,16,17,23,24,35,31 . . . July Series OneDesign
August 6,7,13,14,20,21,27,28 . . August Series OneDesign
September 3,4,5. Labor Day Series
June 15 August 31 Wednesday Evening MidWeek Series

Races, Regattas & Special Events

May 28. SBYC Skippers and Crew Meeting at noon
June 25. Cape Ann Challenge Cruising Class AYC to EPYC
June 24-26. Rhodes 19 East Coast Championship - at SBYC
July 8. Linda Wieditz Opti Regatta
July 8-10. Star District Championship - Cedar Point, CLIS Fleet
July 9. Ipswich Bay Chowder Cup - Cruising Class
July 9-15. Flying Scot North American Championship - Cedar Point Y.C., Westport, CT
July 13-15 USA Jr. Olympic Sailing Festival, Mass Bay - Hingham Y.C., Hingham, MA
July 25-27 Marblehead Junior Race Week
July 27-31 Marblehead Race Week
July 29 Squam Day Annisquam Yacht Club
July 30 Cruising Class Ocean Race for the Wheeler Trophy
August 6,7. Flying Scot NE District Championship - at SBYC
August 9-12 Rhodes 19 Nationals - Chicago Corinthian Y.C., Chicago, Illinois
August 10 Tim Baker Race
August 13,14 Ned Hay Star Regatta
August 19-21 Bullseye Nationals - Bristol, Rhode Island
August 20 Ocean Pursuit Race - Cruising Class
September 2-5 Gloucester Schooner Festival
September 3. Gloucester Mayor's Cup - Cruising Class
September 5. SBYC Awards Ceremony
September 10 Great Race Cruising Class Annisquam Y.C.
September 10 Kam Kammerer Race Flying Scots & Rhodes 19s
September 10 George Warren Smith Race - Bullseyes
September 11 Gusto Cup Flying Scots & Rhodes 19s
September 11 Peter Vincent Race - Bullseyes

TBD Haskins Race - Adults in each boat
TBD Cherry Clark Memorial Race
TBD Ned Cameron Race - JR & SR in each boat
TBD Bobette Simpson Race - Women's Championship
TBD Hale Cup - Men's Championship

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

SANDY BAY YACHT CLUB 2011 SOCIAL CALENDAR

<i>Saturday, April 30</i>	<i>Spring Dinner, The Gloucester House</i>
<i>Saturdays, May 14 & 21</i>	<i>Work Days at the Club, rain dates: Sunday, May 21 & 22</i>
<i>Saturday, May 28</i>	<i>Commodore's Reception 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday, May 29</i>	<i>First Sunday Morning Coffee 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Board of Governors hosting</i>
<i>Sunday, May 29</i>	<i>Business Meeting for members at SBYC 11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Friday, June 17</i>	<i>"Casual Friday" for new members.</i>
<i>Saturday, June 18</i>	<i>First Summer Dinner at the Club – Mexican Fiesta 6:00 Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Dinner Watch for Sign-Up at the Club</i>
<i>Thursday, June 30</i>	<i>Thursday Talk Skip Montello - Fishing on Cape Ann</i>
<i>Monday, July 4</i>	<i>Chowder Day at SBYC at noon</i>
<i>Thursday, July 7</i>	<i>Thursday Talk Greg Wilkinson - Starting Strategies, Racing Tactics</i>
<i>Saturday, July 16</i>	<i>Lobster/ Steak dinner at SBYC 6:00 Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Dinner Watch for Sign-Up at the Club</i>
<i>Friday, July 22</i>	<i>"Casual Friday" for new members.</i>
<i>Thursday, July 28</i>	<i>Thursday Talk Paul St. Germain - Thacher Island</i>
<i>Saturday, August 20</i>	<i>Dance!! Watch for Details & Sign-Up at the Club</i>
<i>Sunday, August 28</i>	<i>Annual Meeting at the Club at 11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Monday, September 5</i>	<i>Labor Day Youth Activities Awards Ceremony - 2011 Racing Season</i>
<i>Saturday, September 24</i>	<i>Fall Harvest Dinner at the Club 6:00 Social Hour, 7:00 Dinner</i>
<i>Saturday, October 15</i>	<i>Italian Dinner at the Club 6:00 Social Hour, 7:00 Dinner</i>
<i>Saturday, December 17</i>	<i>Holiday Open House following the Pageant</i>

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

March 6, 2011

Dear SBYC Member:

The SBYC Board of Governors has recently been advised that boat washing procedures in place in prior years at the Club (particularly pressure washing) may violate government regulatory requirements and could result in substantial daily fines. The regulations apply to yacht clubs such as ours as well as to working marinas and boat yards.

An ad hoc committee consisting of Steve Ouellette, Story Reed, Earl Meredith, Ron Petoff and Ken Kaiser has been formed to study this issue and to investigate conforming alternatives. One possibility is installation of a wash water containment and recycling system for use with Club-owned and Member-owned boats. We are also investigating whether such a system might benefit from members switching to non-metallic based paints.

As the Committee learns more about the regulations and possible solutions for this issue, we will report promptly to the membership. In the meantime, the attached "Sandy Bay Yacht Club Temporary Boat Wash Water Policy" is to take effect immediately.

SBYC Board of Governors
Ken Kaiser, Commodore

SANDY BAY YACHT CLUB TEMPORARY BOAT WASH WATER POLICY MARCH 6, 2011

The SBYC Board of Governors has been advised that boat washing procedures previously in effect may not reflect current regulatory requirements. Other facilities have incurred substantial daily fines.

Pending development and implementation of a comprehensive waste water management policy, including potential installation of a wash water recycling system, the following policies will take effect immediately and remain in force until further notice:

1. Use of pressure washers is prohibited.
2. Discharge of waste water from bottom washing of all boats onto or through the deck is prohibited.
3. Scraping, rinsing or washing all boat bottoms coated with antifouling paint is prohibited.
4. All boat owners are to utilize a bucket and sponge method to rinse non-painted boat bottoms, retaining as much of the water used as possible. (Rinsing means use of water only -- no cleaners.)
5. No cleaners or solvents shall be used on the deck except where they are applied and removed with a cloth, which is then properly disposed of by the boat owner.
6. Discharge of any cleaners or solvents, or water containing cleaners or solvents, onto or through the deck is prohibited.
7. No sanding shall be performed on the deck unless a dust collection system or other manner of particulate containment is in use.
8. The cleaning of painted boat bottoms in the water while tied up to Club floats or wharves is prohibited.
9. Only natural or biodegradable cleaners shall be used on boat topsides or decks being cleaned while tied up to Club floats or wharves.