

THE BINNACLE

Spring Has Sprung, April 2008

COMMODORE'S LOG

Dear Fellow Members,

Believe it or not, summer IS coming and before you know it, the club will be filled with activity. In fact, the club has been filled with activity despite the dreary weather. Davey and crew have been hard at work reassembling our docks and sprucing up wherever they can. We hope you are pleasantly surprised by our spring clean up – new shingling, freshly repainted and re-fixture bathrooms and new lighting. Be sure to take a minute to thank Davie, Rene, Mike and all the members of David Hill's House Committee.

Suzanne Gunderson and Sarah Murphy have hired a top-notch roster of instructors with Jesse Guild returning as head of the Junior Activities sailing program. The committee has been fine-tuning the curriculum and gearing up for a summer with 95 junior sailors. If you get a chance, let them know how much you appreciate their time and efforts.

The Adult Sailing Committee run by Judy Tedeschi and Selene Eymer continues to build upon an excellent program and has added a racing component for anyone who is ready for a bit more of a challenge. Committee members have been updating, repairing and painting all our equipment and expect the boats to be ship-shape. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group.

Our Entertainment Committee, headed by the Curleys and the Dickeys, already hosted our first party! In honor of the Spring Solstice, we had a Sock Burning event in the parking lot. Once spring starts, we should all be in sandals – so we burn our winter socks! This is a great thought, but this IS New England. The hearty souls who came sported mostly winter gear with one notable exception: Doug Eymer braved the howling gale and frigid temperatures in his sandals! Everyone enjoyed catching up and we are all looking forward to warmer CYC gatherings.

On the sailing front the Race Committee run by George Parks and Amory Julian and the Cruising Committee run by the Seppalas have been working to provide members with sailing opportunities geared both to the competitive and cruising sailor.

While Entertainment has been working to fill the summer evenings, the Race Committee and the Cruising Committee have been filling the days and weekends. Get ready for a fantastic summer! Clear your calendars for Wednesday night sailing and block out whatever weekends you can to get the most out of our short season. Read the details inside and get psyched!

Smooth Sailing and Warm Breezes,
Peter Pearce
Commodore

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ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

THE TRIED AND TRUE – AND SOMETHING NEW

While the chilling winds were blowing this winter, the Adult Sailing Committee met regularly to tweak and expand the program for summer '08. The season ahead promises to have something for everyone. The popular lesson program for beginner and intermediate sailors will again feature hands-on individualized instruction guaranteed to provide the skills and confidence needed to take the helm. A new 4 week racing instruction program will be held in June to equip sailors with tactical knowledge and practical experience to join the spirited Wednesday evening races. The Club's three boats, **Fiddler**, **Sweet Pea**, and **Syndicate** have had maintenance updates readying them for certified sailors to use free of charge throughout the summer. Plans are underway for our fun kick-off and end of season parties. They are a great chance to get to know fellow students and instructors and learn even more about sailing and racing the club's boats.

Designed for adults, our unique program is staffed by experienced volunteer instructors who guide students through a curriculum that builds sailing skills and confidence while having a lot of fun. This year our new Racing Classes extend the learning curve for student sailors who want to fine tune existing skills before the summer races begin. Whether student, instructor, or newcomer, plan to join our fun and enthusiastic group this year. We promise that you will enjoy every minute of it.

The **Adult Sailing Program Open House** will kick off the season, at the club, at 10 am on Saturday May 24th. Complete program information and class schedules will be on hand. All three club boats will be rigged and ready for sailors to review; highly recommended as a first step in getting certified to use the boats this summer. For seasoned sailors, certification is a quick check of skills and is required to use the club boats. Why not plan to get certified early in the season so you are set to use a club boat when that beautiful, perfect afternoon breeze arrives?

SEASON CALENDAR:

Adult Sailing Open House Saturday, May 24th at 10 am

Adult Racing Classes Tuesday afternoons - June 3, 10, 17, 24
Sunday mornings – June 8, 15, 22, 29

Adult Sailing Classes Tuesday afternoons, Thursday evenings, and Sunday mornings
July 1st – August 14th

End of Season Brunch Sunday, September 14th

June Racing Program Pre-Registration:

If you are interested in participating in the new June Racing Program, please e-mail Judy Tedeschi at minotslight@comcast.net. Registration information will be coming out soon, but we'd like to get a sense of the number of interested members as soon as possible so we can better plan the program.

As always, if you have questions please feel free to contact any Adult Sailing Committee member. See you on the docks!

~Selene Eymer and Judy Tedeschi

CRUSING COMMITTEE

The Cruising Committee has spent time this winter making exciting plans for summer 2008 Cruising Events, some events are old favorites, some are new adventure.

We will kick things off on May 25th from 4 - 7pm with a Pot Luck Cruising Party. Everyone is invited to this event at the CYC on Sunday evening to discuss the upcoming cruising events. Specifically, we will need to get a headcount for people interested in cruising into Hingham Bay and making landfall at Bumpkin Island and Camp ashore so we can make reservations at this National Park. Come join our kick-off, no RSVP required. Bring an hors d'oeuvre or libation along with your enthusiasm, ideas and calendar.

July 12th to July 13th mark the dates of an Overnight Excursion to Bumpkin Island in Hingham Bay. Fun events for everyone are planned at this visit to a local island steeped in history. The necessities can fit in a sail bag so boats both big and small (i.e. 210s) should be able to make the journey around the point to attend this first annual event.

The Dickson Cup will be raced Saturday, July 26th (Waterfront Weekend). The Dickson Cup is an informal "race" for boats both large and small sailboats (i.e. cruisers to H 12.5s). Everyone is a contender in this fun focused race where winners aren't necessarily the boat that crosses the line first.

Our Annual Summer Cruise will take place August 17th to 23rd. Maine continues to be the 'main' attraction for some cruisers at the club and although last year's summer cruise was a great success, and several boats will head north independently, the cruising committee is hoping to extend the horizons of our sailors and power boaters alike by scheduling a cruise that's more accessible to most. We are finalizing the details of a Massachusetts Bay cruise that will give a new perspective on local areas as we approach land by sea. Preliminary destinations being discussed are Boston Outer Islands (with events on island and dinner in the North End via ferry), Marblehead/Manchester, Isle of Shoals, Provincetown, Wellfleet, Plymouth/Duxbury. Since the cruise is local, come enjoy club camaraderie for a day or the entire week.

~Jamie and Lianne Seppala

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

SURVEY RESULTS

Late last fall, the Entertainment Committee conducted a random survey of members to both find out what they liked most about the club's entertainment schedule and activities, and to seek suggestions for improvement. Thank you to all who replied; nearly 75% of members responded. We took the responses to heart and have already initiated some changes.

Cocktails on the Deck and the **New Member's Party** are the favorites with 88% of respondents noting one or the other as their preferred CYC social gathering. Themes are highly encouraged for the cocktail parties and we have some good ones planned from Tapas Night to Oktoberfest and more. **The Art Show** was singled out as one of the most interesting additions to the calendar. We will hold another Art Show this year so all you well-known and hidden artists: start creating!

The **Winter Party** was the second favorite. This year's event was held Saturday, Feb. 2 at the South Shore Art Center and was attended by nearly 90 people. Thanks to Alex & Lucinda Vanderweil, Kelley Verrochi, and Andy & Ann Whitney for hosting the event. The food was great, the decorations lovely, and the gallery rooms staged for easy mixing and mingling. Watch for news next fall about the winter 2009 party...might be a bit dressier! Hint: think first Annual Commodore's Ball.

Many respondents said the Labor Day and **Fourth of July** parties have fallen flat over the years. With Fourth of July happening on a Friday this year, we have plans for a party on Thursday, July 3 with dinner and dancing as the highlights. Save the date and stay tuned for details.

A peek at what's to come:

The majority of members said they would like to see the addition of 'family friendly' events, casual events and maybe even an Early Spring event. That said, Joe Curley, Mike Dickey and Bill Tierney took a page from Baltimore-area maritime traditions and hosted the first "Burn Your Socks" gathering on Thursday, March 20, the Vernal Equinox. It was a brisk evening but the fire provided relief from the chill and allowed the 30+ partygoers to more comfortably celebrate the arrival of spring. Hats off to Doug Eymer! He took the tradition to heart and arrived with flip-flops on his feet and socks ready for burning. For those not so brave as to bare their feet, extra socks were provided for the ritual burning. It was a great time had by all, especially the kids who became chalk drawing artists, bubble blowing aficionados, and explorers of the marsh and wooded area.

Next year's Vernal Equinox (March 20) falls on a Friday...we look forward to a grander showing for this fun, informal, family-friendly event.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

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Save the Date:

With feedback in hand, we set this year's Entertainment Schedule, which we will supplement with impromptu gatherings and other events that are weather dependent. In the works:

- a family camp out
- a 'take and carry' lobster dinner picnic to be enjoyed at the club, on your boat or even Bassings Beach
- an early morning muffins and coffee breakfast on the deck
- may be even a casual wine and cheese by the club's wonderful fireplace

For now, mark your calendars:

New Members Party	Friday, May 23
June Cocktails on the Deck	Friday, June 6
Fourth of July Party	Thursday, July 3
Fishing Tournament	Saturday, July 12
Waterfront Weekend	Saturday, July 26
August Cocktails on the Porch and Art Show	Friday, August 8
Labor Day Party	Friday, August 29
Chowder Day	Saturday, August 30 (rain date: Sunday, Aug. 31)
End of Summer Cocktails on the Deck	Saturday, October 4

Again, thanks to all of this year's volunteers and to the members who provided responses to the survey. We're looking forward to a fun summer.

~Lauren Curley & Paula Dickey

FROM THE TREASURER

We are implementing a new bank lockbox for automatically depositing member payments. The bank lockbox will allow the Yacht Club to access to our cash more quickly, make us even more secure from fraud, and eliminate hours of work for future treasurers (and their trusty assistants). This should also slightly decrease our accountant's costs as well.

You will see new mailing envelopes in future invoices addressed to:

Cohasset Yacht Club
PO Box 508
Rockland, MA 02370

If you pay your bills online, please be sure to change your payee information.

Invoice Credits: We will now put a sticker on any invoices that show a credit. In the past, the invoice had a small negative sign that was misread. Members were sending us additional payments when they had a credit. Please look for this sticker and don't send us a check (but thanks for your generosity in the past).

~Rick Swanborg

IMPORTANT JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DATES

Registration Deadline	April 25
Swim Test for Mariners, Whites and new sailors	Thurs. June 19, 3:30-5 or Fri. June 20, 3:30-5
Opti clinic and rigging help Orientation and Meet the Staff	Sunday, June 15, 4-5 at CYC Sunday, June 14, 5-6
Program Dates	Monday, June 23 rd – Friday, August 15 th

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

With the mercury topping out at 35 degrees and a steady 20 knot chafe out of the Northwest, summer seems a world away. Despite the shivering and extra layers of insulation, we know that eventually the breeze will clock around to the Southwest, the sun will reach deeper into the darkness, and the boating season will be upon us. Though the shrink wrap lies tightly upon the fleet, preparations for the season are in full swing down at the harbor.

Dave Marks can be seen at all hours, coursing through the spring rituals that few know but all appreciate. The clubhouse slowly disgorges the mass of hardware and rigging that miraculously transforms into the facilities we use throughout the season. Members pay the occasional hurried visit with collars up and hat brims down against the chill. Beneath these early harbingers of spring pulse the less poetic, but equally important administrative preparations for the upcoming season. Currently, various committees toil in relative obscurity, gazing not upon the scarlet sunrise over Minot's Light, but on halogen haloed spreadsheets and inventories. They prepare the club for a smooth transition from the quiet hibernation of winter into the maritime maelstrom we enjoy throughout the summer. Among these dedicated groups is the House Committee, and what follows is a very brief update of its activities to date under the steady hand of its stalwart chairman, David Hill.

David is joined on the Committee by dock master Steven Fusco, dinghy and locker coordinator Todd Brown, long range planner Jeff Pratt, and mooring coordinator Vinna Dunn. Chris Arnold has finance and budget responsibilities and Dave Marks is the steward. You have already received, and hopefully responded to, one of this committee's endeavors, the Slip Wait List Intent Form. This form should help maintain the predictable and transparent occupancy and transition of slips within the membership. It is among various efforts of the committee to accommodate the club's facilities to the dynamic needs and desires of the membership.

Other efforts already undertaken by the House Committee include preparing and presenting an updated proposed capital budget which addresses long and short term planning needs, as well as the practical priorities of maintaining and improving club infrastructure. Some expenditures you may notice, such as the planned updating of the ladies bathroom and new awnings for the deck. Others, like new float chains, winch repair, and piling inspection and repair are less noticeable, but they are essential to smooth operations during our brief summer season.

Additionally, through the efforts of some of our more tech savvy committee members, all slip rosters, wait lists, rack occupants, mooring holders and locker lists have been standardized, centralized and integrated. This centralized census of the membership and their various assignments throughout the club should facilitate and expedite the resolution of any issues or concerns that may arise during the season. Keeping track of the hundreds of members, their vessels and associated gear is a challenge that should be somewhat more manageable as a result of this system.

It is the Committee's goal to administer its areas of oversight from a practical perspective, with consideration for the club's inherent limitations, and close attention to the concerns and suggestions of the club membership. We welcome your inquiries and observations throughout the season, and look forward to once again sharing the unique summer charms of the CYC with you all. See you out on the deck, the dock, and beyond.

~David Hill

RACE COMMITTEE

We hope everyone is excited for another great year of racing at CYC. We will kick off the season with Bim's Bowl and the start of the Bemis series on June 14th.

Wednesday night racing will begin on June 18th, and we encourage you to come and join us. Racing is very relaxed and there is always room for more crew!

We will be hosting the Sullivan Regatta in International 210's on June 21st and 22nd. The Sullivan has traditionally been a venue for great sailing and some very competitive racing and 2008 should be no different. With 15 to 20 boats participating and several from outside of Cohasset there is always a good possibility that crews will be needed. Contact Peter Goedecke, our 210 Fleet Captain for more details on the event.

For Waterfront Weekend on July 26th, we will sail the Junior Memorial with junior skippers racing the 210s and then switching place to compete in the Aloha Bowl. We hope you are all planning your Hawaiian outfits already!

The Sherbrooke single-handed trophy will be a raced in 210's this year. The race will be on a Wednesday, July 30.

The Herreshoff and Bullseyes fleet will start racing on July 5th. As with last year, the fleet will race four Saturdays on July 5th, July 26th, August 2nd and August 16th. Four weekends of racing should guarantee some great sailing and post-racing camaraderie.

As always, the conclusion of the racing year will be Chowder Day on August 30th. We hope to continue to fine tune the racing start times. It should make for some exciting racing and give everyone a chance of being in the race right to the finish line.

We look forward to a fun and exciting year of racing. We also want the whole club to share in the fun – please let us know if you have any ideas for including more members in racing.

~George Parks and Amory Julian

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Spring is here which means that summer is not far away! It also means it's time to plan for catching those warm summer breezes in your sail and registering your young sailor in the junior sailing program!

The Junior Activities Committee has organized an 8-week sailing program for children and grandchildren of members, age 8 through 18. Mariners (ages 8+ by September 1) explore aspects of life around the water -- tides, beaches, swimming, sailing, and rowing in two classes each week. White Flag (ages 9+) and Red Flag sailors sail in their Optimist dinghies and learn more about single-handed sailing and seamanship in four weekly classes. Blue Flag, Captains and Admirals also meet four times each week in optimists. These flags are encouraged to participate in the Tuesday/ Thursday racing series and every other Wednesday night races. Once again, we are offering Captains and Admirals an additional class one morning a week in 420s. The Racing Team sails four times a week in Club 420s. Some Racing Team members also work as junior instructors and interns at the club.

SOCIAL EVENTS ON AND OFF THE WATER:

We are planning a CYC regatta, Wednesday night fun races, the traditional beach overnight, scavenger hunts, sailing adventures, fun days and of course, a dance. We are also planning team races on Fridays for the racing team and much more! It promises to be a very busy and fun summer!

INSTRUCTORS 2008:

We are very pleased to announce the following coaching roster for the 2008 season. **Jessie Guild** will be Head Instructor of the junior sailing program this summer. Jessie completed the CYC sailing program and has been coaching for 6 years: 3 at Duxbury Yacht Club and 3 at CYC. She is a senior at Colby College and the race coordinator of their sailing team.

Also returning this year as a Senior Instructors: **Kathryn Evans**, a sophomore at Skidmore College; **Amanda Faulkner**, a freshman at Wellesley College; **Jared Dick**, a freshman at Duke University; **Rebecca Evans**, a senior at Milton Academy; and **Ben Sampson**, senior at Dartmouth College (where he is Vice Commodore of the Varsity Sailing Team).

Katy Baker, Will Evans, Abby Faulkner, Jack Murphy, and Polly Murray will be our Junior Instructors. These instructors are members of this year's race team, and will be helping to instruct the flag classes throughout the summer.

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic group of instructors and a wonderful bunch of sailors and families. We are confident that this will be a great summer of learning while having a great deal of fun along the way!

~Suzanne Gundersen (sgundersen@comcast.net)
and Sarah Murphy (sarahamurphy1@verizon.net)

ADULT SAILING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 24th at 10:00am

Stop by for coffee, learn about the program and/or register for Adult Sailing and Racing Classes. You'll have the opportunity to board the fully rigged *Fiddler*, *Syndicate* and *Sweet Pea*!

Adult Sailing Classes:

July 1st – August 14th
Tuesday afternoons
Thursday evenings
Sunday mornings

Adult Racing Classes:

Tuesday afternoons
June 3, 10, 17, 24
Sunday mornings
June 8, 15, 22, 29

PLEASE USE OUR CLUB BOATS!

Club Boat Usage Open to All!

Seasoned sailors are encouraged to sign out the vessels. A quick check of skills is required to use the club boats. This check can be scheduled at any time.

Why not plan to use *Fiddler*, *Syndicate* or *Sweet Pea* for 2-3 hours the next time there's a beautiful, perfect afternoon breeze?

For additional information, please contact Selene Eymer, via email, selene@eymer.com.