

# THE BINNACLE

*Summer Has Arrived, May 2008*

## COMMODORE'S LOG

After a long winter of planning and preparation, we are now ready to open for the season. The floats are in and the clubhouse is spiffed and ready for the New Members' Party on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. That morning, we will open the Club with the raising of the flags at 8:00am.

The following week we will fly the flags at half staff in honor and memory of our members who passed away since last season. On the 25th we will honor Madelyne Browne; on the 26<sup>th</sup> William McAuliffe; on the 27th my mother, Betty Lou Pearce; on the 28th Rita Morton; and on the 29th Paul and Margaret Cotter's son John Cotter.

We will be welcoming aboard five new single members and eight new families this season. We reveal their names inside. This is quite a class so I'll need help from all of you to make them feel welcome at the New Members Party.

The new Club Directory will be arriving soon along with the Calendar of events. See how many Club activities you can fit in this year. Tell the boss (especially if that's you) that Wednesday nights and weekends you'll be on the water!

Fair winds and smooth waters,  
Peter Pearce  
Commodore

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Selene D. Eymer and Judy Tedeschi – Adult Sailing

# WELCOME CLASS OF 2008

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that we have 13 new members for this season:

**Taylor Davis** is no stranger to most of us, having grown up in the Club as the son of Susie and Tim Davis. Taylor is, in fact, the fourth generation of his family to belong to the Club. He joins his cousin, Wiley Wakeman, with that distinction. Taylor ran our Junior Program for two years, has raced in the 210 Nationals five times, and has done lots of single handed racing as a Junior. He currently lives in London, England.

**Charlie Dean, Jr.** grew up in the Club and graduated from our Junior Program. Many will know him as our main launch driver from 1998 through 2002; he still is on the water whenever he's in Town. Charlie is the son of Patsy Dean and former Commodore Charlie Dean, Sr.

**Ralph and Jackie Dormitzer** have been residents of Cohasset for many, many years. Ralph is one of our Selectmen and Jackie is the best-selling author of at least two Cohasset histories. Ralph is the son of former members (Henry & Julia), and he and Jackie are the grandparents of Susan Hobson's two children, Emily & Henry Dormitzer, who are much in evidence every summer. The Dormitzers own *Beauty*, a Herreshoff 12½ which they raced frequently with the fleet last summer.

**Lindy and Billy Fitzgerald** both grew up on the South Shore-Billy in Scituate and Lindy here in Cohasset. Boating and the sea have been major parts of their lives since childhood. Lindy is the daughter of Club members Dave & Holly Holway and was in our Junior Program. Both went to Babson College where they met. Billy is an Account Executive with Dell, and Lindy is a District Sales manager at BSH Home Appliances. They live on North Main Street.

**Jen and Des Havlicek** grew up in Connecticut and met at Middlebury College. They have three children: Declan (age 8), and twins Cass & Quinn (age 5). Des and Jennifer have lived in Cohasset for seven years. In addition to working in sales for Wellington Management, Des is also a soccer/baseball/basketball coach. Jen is an active volunteer for the CEF, Osgood School. and the South Shore Community Center. Des grew up sailing Blue Jays on the Connecticut River, and he and Jen owned a catboat in Chatham for five or so years before moving to Cohasset.

**Alison Killilea** grew up in Cohasset and is a graduate of our Junior Program/Racing Team. Ali has extensive cruising experience on her father's *Yankee Doodle* (now owned by Bill Henry). Her mother is Suzan Redgate. Ali went to Wharton and now works in New York City in the private equity investment management field.

**Colin and Brenda Regan** have four older children (ages 15-21). The entire family has an affinity for the sea. Colin frequently uses his 16' skiff for lobstering and mousing. He owns and operates an insurance agency in Weymouth, and Brenda is a Reading Specialist in the Cohasset School system. Colin has been known to play a bit of golf with a former Commodore or two, but we won't hold that against him! Colin is a graduate of Holy Cross and Brenda graduated from Providence College.

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**Martin St. John** is an accomplished former collegiate racer (Salve Regina) who has raced in boats as diverse as Shields, 12 Meters, J24s, Lasers and Yinglings. He can be inevitably found wherever and whenever our 210 Fleet is in action. He has been a regular member of Lynn Conway's crew for the past two years, and he has also pitched in when Joe Curley and others have found themselves short-handed. Martin has grown up in Cohasset and brings a rich heritage of the Town and the water with him.

**Paul Schubert and Cindy Matheison** have two young sons, Nicholas (age 12) and Alexander (age 9). Many of you probably know them through their work in education: Paul is a Director of the Cohasset Education Foundation and Cindy has been involved in the Parent Board at Sandcastles, the Character Education Program at Osgood, and the CEF's Spelling Bee. Paul has sailed on a variety of boats here, in the Chesapeake, and in the Florida Keys. Cindy grew up in Central Florida and might have been one of those underwater performers at Silver Springs (this is a rumor that should be "fact-checked" as of this writing). In his spare time, Paul is a cardiologist at South Shore Hospital.

**Rob and Michele Skolnick** both spent summers in Humarock and have boated since childhood. They now live on Heather Drive. They have two children: Chandler (age 11) and Drew (who turns 9 this month). Rob is President and owner of E.A. Davis, an upscale department store in Wellesley. Michele is a professional interior designer. Rob is a founding member of the CEF, and Michele is quite active in the Cohasset PSO (especially its annual telethon). Rob and Michele own a 24' Edgewater center console, moored in the North River, and are avid fisher-people. Both boys began sailing lessons last year at the Lincoln Sailing Center and the Cohasset Sailing Club, respectively.

**Kevin and Tracy Thomas** live on Lantern Lane with Abigail (age 9) and twins Regan and Anna (age 6). Abby began sailing last year at the Hingham Sailing Club and expects to transition to our program this summer. The Thomases have been active members of the Cohasset community for over a decade. Tracy has organized and run the Osgood Read-a-Thon, and for 22 years Kevin has held a golf tournament for the Dana Farber Institute. Kevin owns two dental practices (in Cohasset and Milton) while Tracy is a marketing communications consultant. Kevin grew up boating in New Seabury on the Cape. He is a graduate of Boston College; Tracy, who was born in Detroit, graduated from Miami University (Ohio) a few years ago (more or less).

**Andi and Rhoda Whittemore** live in Sherborn (MA) and sail their Freedom 40 *Morning Light* extensively in Buzzards Bay waters. Andi grew up in Cohasset and went through our Junior Program with Sam Wakeman, Maury McLoughlin and a host of others. He is the Chief Medical Officer at Brigham & Woman's hospital, while Rhoda keeps him organized and on track.

**Esther Williams'** family involvement with the Yacht Club extends back almost to our beginnings. Her grandfather (Dr. George Sears) kept his 53-foot schooner, *Mattakeeset*, in the harbor during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; her mother, Ruth Sears Chute, was one of the first women's National Champions; and she herself grew up in the Club, participating in its Junior Program along with siblings Richard Chute and Ruthie Knapp (both current members). Esther's grandchildren, Alexandra, Helen & Anne Kriger, hope to be the fifth generation of their family to sail our waters---Alexandra (age 8) will be in the Mariners Program.

# JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

The Junior Activities Committee has been focusing on the start of the sailing season. Please read on and note important dates that may pertain to the junior sailors in your home. Also, thanks to all who have sent in registration packets. We appreciate your help. For those who have not yet sent them and need copies of forms, please email Sarah at sarahamurphy1@verizon.net.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**JAC Opti Rigging Clinic** - Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm

**JAC Orientation** - Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm, ice cream following presentation

**JAC Swim Test** - for any new sailor to the program and all incoming mariners: Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, between 3:30-5:00pm at the Cohasset town pool. A schedule for the swim test will go out in late May so that you may block off a time for your sailor to be tested. Please email Sarah if you have any questions or concerns.

**Start of Program**- June 23

## REGATTA SCHEDULE 2008:

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - in club regatta

**July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** - Hingham Bay

**July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** - DBMS regatta

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Marblehead Jr. Race Week

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** - Plymouth YC Invitational

**July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>** - Duxbury Yacht Club

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Buzzards Bay Regatta

**August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** - Scituate Regatta

**August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** - Beverly Jr. Regatta

~Suzanne Gundersen, Sarah Murphy and Senior Instructors: Jessie Guild, (Head), Kathryn Evans, Rebecca Evans, Amanda Faulkner, Jared Dick (Lehigh University, not Duke), and Ben Sampson (420 race coach),

# HOUSE COMMITTEE

Despite the recent succession of slate gray days, progress continues apace at our beloved clubhouse. Improvements abound at every turn, from the redone bathrooms, (thank you Jeff Pratt for graciously providing all the fixtures), to the fresh coats of paint on the porch rails and new tackle on needy floats and moorings. A few brave souls have already launched their trusty barques, yearning for the inimitable draw of taught sheet on a smartly trimmed sail, or the sweet vibrato of a keeper cod or spring flounder. Summer cannot be far off.

Amid the din of pre-season preparations, the House Committee continues its quest to integrate and coordinate the operational logistics of the club facilities with the needs and desires of the club membership. With the contributions of all members of the committee, information for sail, power and dinghy slip and locker assignments has been entered into the database and posted on the club bulletin board. The site where this information is miraculously maintained is uniquely suited to tracking the inevitable changes that occur throughout the season. This should help the committee monitor short and long term slip availability midseason, and generally assist in keeping track of who has what where throughout the club facilities.

Dingy spots are now numbered along the main float and your efforts to place your dingy in the assigned spot will be greatly appreciated. We are trying to configure that area to comfortably accommodate as many skiffs as is practical. Please recall that the club bylaws require four fenders on each dingy and a thirty foot bow line. This length of bowline is necessary not only for the movement of dinghies when the owners are not present but also to provide a safe towline should problems arise on the water.

With all the positive developments at the club, there is one disappointment: the slip wait list. As of our last meeting, only about 50% of members on the waitlist had responded to the questionnaire. While this may delight those of you who are deep in the queue, members must respond by the deadline of May 16 or they are in jeopardy of losing their spots. Correspondence has been sent to every member on the list regarding the new slip wait list procedures and it has now been mentioned twice in the Binnacle. Since this is a mandatory process for anyone who wishes to remain on this list, please respond to keep your position.

The Easterly winds are waning and the boating season is hard upon us. Stow your fid, whipping jute, and scrimshaw, and prepare for the visceral joys of a pulsing tiller, billowing sail and wide open throttle. Now comes the fleeting glories of summer!

~The House Committee

# **ADULT SAILING PROGRAM IS SET TO SAIL WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

Wish you had a charming boat perfectly suited to sail Cohasset's Harbor and Coastline? Not sure when you pull the tiller if you will tack, jibe, or even still be on course? Want to learn some tactical racing skills from the club masters? The Adult Sailing Program has expanded its offerings to meet the needs of several levels of sailors. We heartily invite you to join the fun. Plan to attend the May 24<sup>th</sup> Open House to learn specifics about classes and to begin the process of getting certified so that you can enjoy sailing the 3 club boats this summer.

**Adult Sailing Open House  
Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
10 am at CYC  
Pastries and coffee**

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**Class information & boat orientation  
Certification process demystified**

## **ADULT SAILING PROGRAM SPECIFICS:**

**Beginner, Intermediate, and More Advanced Instruction** – 7 week session runs from July 1- August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Two students and one instructor per boat with lessons individualized to the students' skill level and interests. Cost: \$50 (a bargain whether you make all 7 sessions or not).  
Class options: Tuesdays 1-3 pm, Thursdays 6-8 pm, and Sundays 9-11 am.

**Racing Instruction** – 4 week session in June.

This new class combines dockside instruction on racing techniques, strategies, and rules with hands-on practice in club boats. Information will be targeted at advanced beginner level and above, and will adjust to class skill level. Cost: \$50

Class dates – Tuesdays June 3, 10, 17, 24 11:30am- 2pm  
Sundays June 8, 15, 22, 29 9:00 - 11:30am

Registration for both sessions will be discounted to \$75.

### **Club Boat Certification**

Individual session to ensure Member is comfortable sailing the Club boats; required to sign out boats during the season. Club boats may be signed out for 2 hour sessions on a first come, first serve basis. Cost: free

Contact Selene Eymer at home: 781-383-2761 for appointment.

For more information or to sign-up for any program contact Judy Tedeschi at home: 781-383-1361 or via email: [minotslight@comcast.net](mailto:minotslight@comcast.net).

# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee is in full swing planning and organizing this season's parties.

On **Friday, May 23 from 6:30to10:30 pm**, club members will welcome the class of 2008 at the Annual New Member's Party. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a light buffet will be served. RSVPs are steadily coming in and we expect a strong showing. If you have not already done so, please RSVP to Lauren Curley (781 383 6463) or Paula Dickey (781 383 6541), or online at [www.cohassetc.org](http://www.cohassetc.org).

## Complete Entertainment Schedule

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 Deck 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

*\* Requires RSVP*

The committee continues to work on confirming the theme for the June Cocktail party, identifying dates for a "Morning Breakfast on the Deck" and a "Picnic to Go," while giving thought to coordinating a Family Camp Out on Bassing's Beach.

Hard to believe with the official start of summer June 21, that the July 4<sup>th</sup> party committee – Lee and Laura Stone, Steven and Robin Fusco, and Robert and Jennifer Willms – are already knee deep in planning the July 4<sup>th</sup> party. They promise a new twist to this annual event with a heavy dose of southern hospitality, rockabilly and New Orleans rhythm and blues performed by Lonesome Jukebox (check 'em out on the web at [www.lonesomejukebox.com](http://www.lonesomejukebox.com)). For your gastric enjoyment, good old American barbeque complete with dramatic smokers and grills serving up food with Memphis, Texas, and New Orleans influences.

Calling all artists! In the spirit of advanced planning for all creative club members, make note of the August cocktail party. Back by popular demand, the club will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 'Cocktails on the Deck and Art Show.' Get your cameras out, your paintbrushes and canvases in order, and gather materials to create your masterpieces. Both amateurs who may only dabble and professionals who have built a career are welcome to submit their creations for display and/or sale. Watch future Binnacles for more details. For more information, contact Lauren Curley or Paula Dickey.

Finally, the following are a few policy reminders to keep in mind.

- Guests – Members are welcomed and encouraged to invite guests to all Club social events except the New Members Party and Chowder Day (these are members-only events).
- RSVPs – For parties requiring an RSVP, member and guest 'no shows' will be charged accordingly to the appropriate member's account. Billing is based on the RSVP 'yes' list compiled from telephone and online confirmations. Please help the Entertainment Committee honor this Club policy. It is difficult to accommodate last minute changes with the caterer.

If you have other event ideas or are interested in helping with any of the social events, please contact Lauren or Paula.

We look forward to seeing you on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and spending a fun summer with the members.

~Lauren & Joe Curley, Paula & Mike Dickey, Entertainment Committee co-chairs

## **RACE COMMITTEE**

Our first weekend of racing is less than a month away. Make sure those tarps are off, boat bottoms are painted, sails washed, and rigging checked because it will be a great summer of sailing down at CYC. We have 11 weekends of racing planned starting on June 7<sup>th</sup> with the first of the Bemis series in the International 210s and finishing in grand style on August 30<sup>th</sup> on Chowder Day with an open race for all sailing craft at the club.

We start off strong with the 210's this year by hosting the Sullivan Regatta on the weekend of June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. This should be a great event for sailing or watching with several boats expected to join us from other clubs. This summer, we will once again be starting the Herreshoff 12 1/2's & Bulleyes off of the Dickson on four different weekends beginning on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you are less competitively inclined, we will have Wednesday Night racing every week starting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm through the end of August. Wednesday Nights are a great way to get involved with racing and have a relaxing evening sail around the buoys with family and friends at the same time.

Finally, for the whole racing family, we will have Waterfront Weekend on July 26<sup>th</sup> with no less than the different events including the Aloha Bowl, The Junior Memorial, and the Dickson. For all events, we encourage every member who is interested in crewing to just come on down to club. There is always room on the boats. If you like to plan ahead, simply contact one of the fleet captains for more information. Please check the web site for official racing schedule and information.

~Race Committee

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee is continually looking for interested people to participate in the various areas of Club Activities. We try to populate the various committees with those members who have expressed interest. We work with Committee Chairs to plan for Committee leadership and further responsibilities in managing the Club. If you are interested in a particular area and are not currently involved, please contact any of us on the Committee. My email is SamWakeman@aol.com and I welcome any enquiries or suggestions.

Woody Chittick  
Dan Evans  
Bob Jordan  
Wisner Murray  
Sam Wakeman, Chair

## CRUISING COMMITTEE

Please don't forget to mark your calendar for the fun Cruising event below:

### **Pot Luck Cruising Planning Party**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>, 4pm to 7pm**

Everyone is invited to a Pot Luck at the C.Y.C. Clubhouse on Sunday evening during the weekend of the New Members Party to discuss the upcoming cruising events. Since we need to make reservations at this National Park, we will need to get a headcount for people interested in cruising into Hingham Bay, making landfall at Bumpkin Island, and camping ashore. No RSVP is required. Bring a hor d'oeuvre or libation along with your enthusiasm and ideas. We'll also discuss the most desirable destinations within Massachusetts Bay for the C.Y.C. Summer Cruise.

Other key dates to remember:

- Overnight Excursion to Bumpkin Island in Hingham Bay, July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 13<sup>th</sup>
- The Dickson Cup – Saturday, July 26th (Waterfront Weekend)
- Annual Summer Cruise around Mass Bay– August 17<sup>th</sup> to 23rd

~Jamie and Liane Seppala

## BOATS AVAILABLE AND WANTED

When space permits, we will include information about boats that are available for sale or for charter and about people in search of boats, dinghies, and Optis.

~ If you are looking for an Opti, please contact Sarah Murphy or Suzanne Gundersen. They can let you know of the available Opti.

~ The Evans (Danny and Grace, 383-1163) are looking for a little dinghy to use in Maine. Take a peak behind your barn or garage. You may have just what they are looking for.

~ Please see next page for summer charter opportunities of *Interlude*, Charlie and Stephanie Ford's Grand Banks.

## CHARTER AVAILABLE

Charlie and Stephanie Ford's Grand Banks, *Interlude* is available for charter this summer. She is a 1987 Grand Banks 36' Classic w/Twin Lehman's. She is based on the St George River in Maine. You can spend your first night ashore in a waterfront cabin overlooking *Interlude*. Bob Taylor, of Yacht North is listing her for around \$3,000/wk, a substantial savings off her sister ships, because of her older systems. You can find a detailed listing at: [www.yachtnorth.com](http://www.yachtnorth.com)