

## KNOT A CLEW

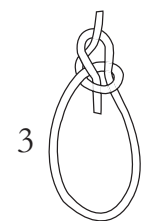
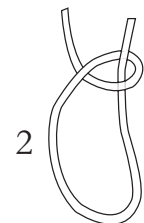
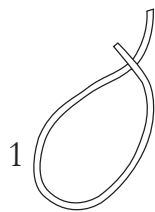
Probably the most useful knot on a boat, the Bowline provides a standing loop in the end of a line. Easy to tie, the knot is also easy to undo even after being under severe load.

There are many ways to tie a Bowline and the end can lie inside or outside the final loop. The easiest way in light line is to apply the end of the line to the standing part, and twist as shown so that it appears through a loop. Then pass round the standing part and back down through the initial loop. This process is a knack, but easily learned.

The Bowline must be worked up tight, particularly in springy synthetic ropes.

-The Essential Knot Book, by Colin Jarman

## BOWLINE



## NAUTICAL KNOW HOW – A GLOSSARY OF LITTLE-USED NAUTICAL TERMS

Beginning with this issue of *The Binnacle*, we will examine a few little-used nautical terms...

**Abaft** – The hinder part of a ship, or towards the stern. It also signifies farther aft or nearer to the stern; as, the barricade stands **ABAFT** the mainmast; that is, nearer to the stern.

**All In The Wind** – The state of a ship's sails when they are parallel to the direction of the wind, so as to shake or quiver.

**Apeak** – Perpendicular to the anchor, the cable having been drawn so tight as to bring the ship directly over it. The anchor is said to be **APEAK**.

**Athwartships** – At right angles to the centerline of the boat; rowboat seats are generally **athwartships**.



# THE BINNACLE

*Spring Lines, May 2003*

## COMMODORE'S LOG

May began on a sad note, with the death on May 5 of Harbormaster John (Moose) Winters after a long battle with cancer. Moose was an able and even-keeled Harbormaster, and a friend to the CYC and many of our members. He will be missed by all of us who knew him. Our condolences go out to his wife Joanne and their two daughters.

On a more upbeat note, it is finally starting to feel like Spring, the season of renewal, and for any club renewal takes the form of new members. This year brings fourteen new CYC members (including six legacies and one returning), most with very strong sailing backgrounds and interests, and all with great enthusiasm for our club and the enjoyment of sailing, boating and the water that we represent. I know you will enjoy meeting and getting to know all of them and passing on the tradition of seamanship and fun that has been our hallmark since 1894.

Speaking of fun, **Dave Marks** has been hard at work getting our boats, docks and facilities ready for plenty of fun this summer. Dave rebuilt the foundation and rails for much of the railway in late winter, and he had the docks in by late April. Since then he's been able to turn his attention to the Dickson, the launch and the clubhouse. The launch is going in the water this week, Mike McNabb is repairing some rot around the Dickson's rudder post, and much of the trim around the clubhouse is getting a fresh coat of white paint. It looks like everything should be sparkling and shipshape in time for the New Members Party on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and the first racing of the season on May 31<sup>st</sup>!

The next issue of *The Binnacle* will bring more details of some of the fun activities we'll have the chance to enjoy this summer, but I'll whet your appetite by mentioning just a few. The second annual Duxbury Bay Rendezvous on June 28<sup>th</sup> should be a great opportunity for boating and socializing in an easy-to-get-to locale, and I hope many of you will plan to attend. This summer we will again have a special Adult Boating Committee organizing fun, salty on-the-water events, particularly targeting our open power boats. Finally, this summer will mark the return of Herreshoff 12 racing, as our budding fleet of 12s tries its sea legs.

See you at the New Members Cocktail Party!

Danny

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

From the Desk of Augusta Wynd, Editor.....	page 2
Welcome to the Class of 2003.....	page 2
House Committee Happenings.....	page 3
A Helpful Tip!.....	page 3
Fishing Lines.....	page 4
There's A New Fleet in Town.....	page 5
Race Committee News.....	page 5
Cruising Along.....	page 6
The Bear Facts.....	page 6
Entertaining, As Always!.....	page 7
Classifieds.....	page 7
Knot A Clew: Bowline.....	page 8
Nautical Know How - A Glossary of Little-Used Nautical Terms.....	page 8



COHASSET YACHT CLUB  
COHASSET, MASS.

### WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2003

Cohasset Yacht Club is proud to welcome fourteen new members as the 'Class of 2003', including six legacies and one returning member. All are boating enthusiasts and eager to participate in club activities. Please remember to join us at the New Members Cocktail Party on Friday, May 23 to meet our new members and renew old friendships.

**Ryan Staszko** is an active 210 sailor and a legacy. He lives on Beach Street in Cohasset. Ryan's parents are CYC members, **Don Staszko and Bobbie O'Pray**.

**Davenport Crocker, Jr. and Kendra Larson** join the club as legacies. Davenport's grandfather was one of CYC's founders and his parents, **Davenport and Jane** are longtime CYC members. Davenport and Kendra live in Boston.

**David and Jennifer Lord** also join the club as legacies. David is the son of CYC members, **David and Irene Lord**. David and Jennifer are living on Elm Street in Cohasset and are both 210 enthusiasts.

**Hannah and Michael Hayes** are also new legacy members. They currently live in Breckenridge, Colorado with their son, **Stanley**, but summer in Cohasset. They own a 27' McGregger sail boat.

**Mark St. Onge** lives on Holmes Street in Quincy and is an active 210 sailor. Mark's parents are CYC members **Harry and Kathleen St. Onge**.

**Philip and Judy Tedeschi** live on Otis Avenue with their two daughters, **Elisa and Christina**. The Tedeschis are also legacies who own a 17' Boston Whaler.

We are happy to welcome **Rob and Pam Henry** back to the club. Rob and Pam live on Aaron River Road in Cohasset.

**Sean and Erin Sweeney** live on Willard Street in Quincy. They are active 210 sailors and own a 30', Gretzky-built International 210 (#445) – Mac Lir.

**Peter and Janet Robinson** live on Pratt Court in Cohasset and have two daughters **Isabel and Anne**. The Robinsons are an active boating family and Peter is a competitive rower.

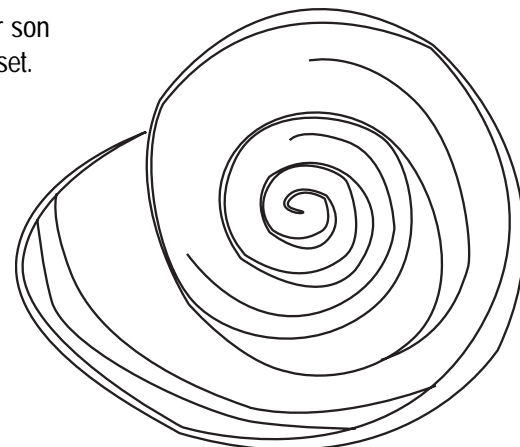
**John and Elizabeth Naughton**, along with their four children, **Sean, Sarah, Katherine and Conor**, live on Linden Drive in Cohasset. They currently own a 16' tri-hull wind rider and are eagerly waiting to move up on the waiting list for a mooring.

**Robert and Caroline Thomas** live on Joy Place in Cohasset with their three children, **Nancy, Henry and Nate**. The Thomas family co-owns a 210 (#404) with Charles Ford.

**John and Patrice Keniley** and their two sons **John and Eliot** live on Black Rock Road in Cohasset. They are active sailors and currently own an International 210 and a 15' Boston Whaler.

**Willy and Nancy Fox**, along with their son **Sam**, live on Stockbridge Street in Cohasset. They own a Rogers-built 210 (#419).

**Michael and Paula Dickey** live on Glades Road in Scituate with their son, **Matthew**. They have been involved with boats since their junior days and are co-owners of an International 210 (#435).



### FROM THE DESK OF AUGUSTA WYND, EDITOR

Welcome to Spring Lines – the most recent issue of *The Binnacle*. As promised, we've 'launched' some new features in this issue. Our first Classified Section has three items for your purchasing pleasure. While we don't expect to rival e-Bay, we do hope that all members will take advantage of the opportunity to showcase their tarnished treasures for sale. Please send your listings to me to include in the next issue!

I also want to introduce you to our newest guest columnist - famed Cohasset angler **Dave Holway** has joined *The Binnacle* staff to share his insight on what's running where and how to catch it. Finally, for the etymologists among our members, we've included a new section called "Nautical Know How" in which we'll tease you with some little-used nautical terms.

Remember, *The Binnacle* is your newsletter. Please let me know how we can better serve you. – **Augusta Wynd, Editor (receiving email at humble@attbi.com)**

### ENTERTAINING, AS ALWAYS!

The Entertainment Committee hopes to see you all at 6:30PM on Friday, May 23rd at the New Members Cocktail Party. Come enjoy drinks and a light buffet and help welcome our new members. Please remember that this party requires an RSVP to Suzie Montgomery at 781-383-1249.

We have some exciting parties to offer this season and would like to thank in advance all our hard working committee members. Please attend as many as you can and enjoy the summer along with fellow CYC members. Mark your calendars with the 2003 schedule shown below. We look forward to seeing you often! -Emily Brown

Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

New Members\*  
Cocktails on the Porch  
Fourth of July Dinner Dance\*  
Fishing Tournament  
Weekend Waterfront Cookout\*  
Cocktail Party  
Labor Day Party\*  
Chowder Day  
Chowder Day Rain Day

\* Requires an RSVP

### CLASSIFIEDS

**1992 12' Avon Inflatable.** 25 horse power Nissan, steering wheel w/cooler seat, aluminum floor. Well maintained \$2,500 trailer included. 781-383-9369

**Two professional fishing seats,** molded with pads. Previously on the casting deck of a fishing rig. \$100 for the pair, along with the plates and hardware. 781-383-9035

**1976 21' Grady White Chesapeake.** One of the most popular Grady White models due to its versatility and toughness, this classic cuddy (sleeps two) has been upgraded in the past three years with a new transom, new wiring, dual battery system, new steering, new decking, and a new custom stainless T-top. The engine had new manifold and risers last season, as well as many other new parts. The V8 block was replaced in the mid-1990s. Fish finder, radio and large teak swim deck, tandem trailer. Great family and fishing boat. \$8,500 or best offer. 781-383-9035

 Go Fish! designs  
617.875.5070

## CRUISING ALONG

### Clarks Island (Duxbury) Rendezvous

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Clarks Island Rendezvous on the weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup>. Located in Duxbury Bay, Clarks Island is situated north and west of Saquish near the entrance to the bay. Clarks Island is a great destination in that it is equally accessible for boats moored either in Cohasset or south of the Canal. For details contact **Steve Bobo** at 781-383-9280.

### Dickson Cup

The only award sponsored by the Cruising Committee, the Dickson Cup is named for our own estimable and renowned **Cliff Dickson**. The scoring system is designed to provide a nearly equal opportunity for any boat to win, so that members who have rarely raced, or may have never won a prize have an excellent chance of winning the Dickson.

As a part of this year's inaugural CYC Waterfront Weekend, this edition of the Dickson will be sailed on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 1315. The weekend's activities will include a cocktail party and cookout where participants are sure to regale and amuse their fellow competitors with Dickson Cup war stories.

### Club Summer Cruise 2003

Another "not to be missed" event is the club's summer cruise to Block Island and eastern Long Island Sound between August 16<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The preliminary itinerary is as follows:

Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Unofficial rendezvous at Hadley's Harbor or Padanaram

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

Official Cruise start - Cuttyhunk

Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Block Island

Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Devon YC, Three Mile Harbor, or Shelter Island

Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Mystic

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Layday

Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Watch Hill

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dutch Harbor, or Sakonnet River

The Thursday layday offers some flexibility with the opportunity to decide whether to spend a day exploring Mystic Seaport, or to head to the beaches of Watch Hill. The most distant point is approximately 90 miles west of the Cape Cod Canal. For those

who are daunted by the distance, the proximity to Newport offers excellent opportunities to charter a boat and join the cruise. And as always, inviting nonmember guests to join the cruise is encouraged.

### Winter Lecture

One hundred and seven people attended the club's Winter Lecture on April 12<sup>th</sup>. They heard a fascinating program presented by CYC members **Martha and Dana Robes** about their recently concluded five-year around the world cruise on the Little Harbor 48, Sarah Jane.

As a result, the club will be making a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Cohasset High School Summer Institute's Center for Student Coastal Research. These funds are being specifically earmarked for construction of two Gloucester Gulls. The Gloucester Gull or Light Dory is a 15.5-foot rowing dory that students will construct in order to carry out water quality studies in Cohasset Harbor, the Gulf River, and Little Harbor. It is expected that the final assembly of these boats may take place on the Common during the Art festival, so if you get a chance, stop by and take a look.

On behalf of the club, the Cruising Committee would like to express sincere thanks both to the Robes and to those who attended the Lecture. -Steve Bobo

### House Committee closes its' books in preparation for the 2003 season

At the final committee meeting of the pre-2003 season, Chairman **John Bertolami** announced that by all accounts the club is in excellent physical condition and ready for the 2003 season. John has presided over the committee during a period when a number of very significant projects have been initiated and completed. Projects have run the spectrum of complexity; from painting bathrooms to the massive effort currently being proposed to restore lost land and marsh surrounding the club.

So what's left other than put wind to sail and enjoy?

### Kayak Update

Last month we announced that kayaks would be accommodated and a 16-space rack was being built at the barn. We have revised this plan to include space on the dock for eight kayaks and an additional eight rack spaces at the barn. Since space is limited, we can only offer each member one space at each of the two areas. For example, a family with two kayaks can have one on the dock and one at the barn. **Keith VanEtten** will maintain waiting lists for each storage area. Please contact Keith directly if you have questions and are interested in storing a kayak at the club in 2003.

### Standing Room Only

Anyone in the Junior Activities Program knows how difficult it is to find space available for rigging sails and other general tasks in preparation for sailing. Dock space is limited, and from both a convenience and safety perspective, the House and Executive Committees are investigating options available for adding to our existing dock area. **Charlie Dean** is heading a one-man task force to gain the necessary agency approvals for increasing dock area at the club.

Charlie has been in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Army Corps of Engineers and the Cohasset Harbor Master to begin to identify

## HOUSE COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

and obtain required approvals. Once the administrative requirements are met, the club can then begin planning the project. Since we are in an exploratory phase, no time frame has been set to complete this project. All members will benefit by the added dock space.

### Dinghies Three Deep!

The popularity of dinghies and tenders at the club continues to increase since they are a great way to access other vessels in

### A HELPFUL TIP!

Boats can be damaged by even moderately high winds when they bump and scuff the docks. This can be greatly avoided by correctly tying-off your boat to the slips. In general, tie your boat as if there will be high winds. Use appropriate knot techniques and make sure your fenders are adequate in size and number.

the harbor and a fun way to get onto the water. With the increased number, space is becoming a problem. In an effort to enhance the experience for all concerned, the club will now require all dinghies to be tied with a painter (line) of 20' or more to allow for the small boats to be stacked in rows.

To accommodate all of the boats, it may be necessary for dock hands to adjust placement from time to time, so please do not lock boats to the dock. Remember that the club employs night watchmen during the boating season, which should minimize the potential for theft or misuse. If you have any questions please direct inquiries to **Steve Gaumer**.

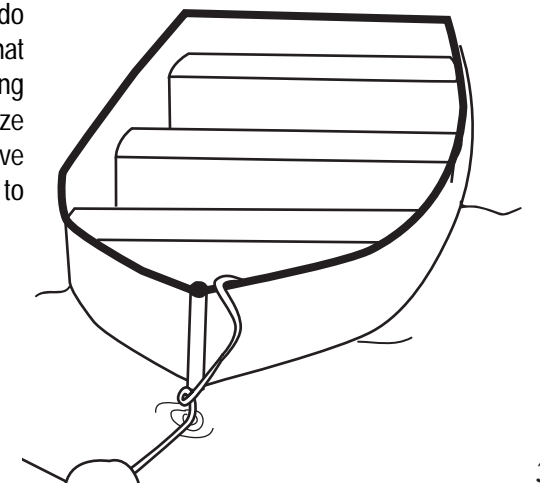
### Where should your boat be during a Hurricane?

A) Tied tightly to the docks? B) Tied loosely to the docks? C) Moored just outside of the harbor? or, D) Out of the water, in a safe place?

Obviously the best answer is D, "out of the water, in a safe place." In the event of a hurricane do we all know what to do? It is easy to assume that more than a few boats will be left on their moorings or on the dock. The damage to a dock system is exponentially increased when boats are left in place, rather than being cleared out. These questions are being posed now by the House Committee and by a new subcommittee headed by **David Marks**.

In the event of a hurricane forecast, the club and its members will need to collectively operate by a mutually understood plan to remove as many boats as possible, secure boats and other items that need to remain, and prepare the club facility for the hurricane event. To make sure that the CYC is ready, the hurricane subcommittees will be working with experts in the field to identify best practices and to create guidelines for both members and the club. The goal will be to minimize damage to the club and member vessels.

Although highly destructive hurricanes are rare, they do occur and with a little planning we can greatly increase our chances for avoiding heavy damage. -Chris Arnold



## THE BEAR FACTS

There is just no telling what will turn up at the Cohasset Yacht Club. On a sunny afternoon in mid-March several children, including Kathryn and William Evans, were mucking about in the marsh next to the clubhouse. As they examined odd treasures poking out of the mud, shards of pottery, shells and other marine detritus, Kathryn was thrilled to spot a tooth. As she extracted the tooth from the mud, she was amazed to discover that it was still attached to approximately ten inches of jaw! After cleaning up the specimen Kathryn and her mom brought it to the Natural Science Center in Norwell for identification. The naturalists there came to the unanimous conclusion that it had belonged to a bear. The question of how it came to rest in the marsh off the yacht club is as yet unanswered. It was suggested by one of the naturalists that it might have come from New Hampshire or Maine. -Grace Evans



## FISHING LINES

The fishing season has been set back by three weeks because of the cold weather pattern according to *The Binnacle's* fishing correspondent **Dave Holway**. The good news is it should be a plentiful year for CYC anglers highlighted by the return of large numbers of flounder.

"The flounder are really making a rebound," said Holway. "Actually, they started to show up off of Scituate and Hull in fairly good numbers this year. There is a restriction on the number you can catch." Flounder fishing has been down in recent years due to the poor quality of the water in Boston Harbor.

"There was a time when Quincy Bay had the largest flounder fleet and more flounder was caught there than any place in the world," explained Holway. "Over fishing, as well as the pollution in Boston Harbor, decimated the stock. But the improvement in Boston Harbor, a prime spawning ground for flounder, as well as new regulations, has brought them back.

Yellow Tail flounder and Gray Sole are also back in significant numbers and a lot of them can be caught off the Cohasset coast in shallow waters."

Holway is usually the first CYC member to get his boat in the water because of his eagerness to start the fishing season. Despite the cold water temperature, Holway says there is still good opportunity to come back to the dock with a plentiful catch. He was getting ready for the season when the snow was on the ground and he says there's no mystery in preparing for a full season of fishing.

"The first thing to do is get your equipment ready," said Holway. "It means checking the rods and reels and putting in fresh new line if they are using monofilament line. Look for damage on the rods and just organize your gear. It's pretty simple."

There is a wide variety of fish outside Cohasset Harbor, which changes month to month. "In March the cod fishing is very good," explained Holway. "In April the mackerel and herring arrive, along with the cod. This year the mackerel just started to appear in early May and that's a good three weeks later than normal. It's due to the water temperature. The whole schedule will be set back this year."

Holway said sea-run herring have been commonplace in the last few weeks, something that is not generally the case this time of year. "These herring will bring striped bass in early in the season chasing them," said Holway. "Even though the mackerel aren't running yet, there are some stripers because of the herring." The best striper fishing in CYC waters is normally the last week of May through the Fourth of July Holway noted. -Ron Hobson

This year CYC will make a concerted effort to forge a mini-fleet of Herreshoff 12 1/2s (aka H-12s). Owners of H-12s or near equivalents (i.e. Bulls Eyes) are urged to help us bring this idea to fruition

The H-12s have played a very important role in our club's history and, like all great ideas, its time is coming again. The boat makes a lot of sense for families and, for that matter, anyone who doesn't necessarily want to spend weekends in a 30-foot long x 6-foot wide 210 (apologies Wisner & Betts!). They also can be moored on our docks, another plus.

The first principal is that the purpose of this fleet is to HAVE FUN. We envision some casual racing around buoys, perhaps a mini-rendezvous, possibly Sherbrooke's beach, and good cheer. The second principal is a corollary of the first: no ramming of boats, no loud swearing, no nit-picky protests and no

## THERE'S A NEW FLEET IN TOWN

jettisoning of clumsy-but-well-intentioned crew. The third principal is that critical mass is more important than design nuances: Marconi and gaff rigs are equal (no handicaps), so too wooden and glass hulls, ditto Bulls Eyes and H-12s.

The Sherbrooke Cup (single-handed) will be raced by H-12s on Saturday, July 26, probably the first time in over 50 years! Start will be at 1315, so mark your calendars! Also, we are encouraged to join the Wednesday evening "Fun Races" (1730 start, more or less...), following the 210 course off Whitehead. There's no reason why we can't do a few Saturday races following the 210/Flying Scott course, as long as we do this without blood lust in our hearts.

We really need your help to make this renewed program a success - are you more than a little interested? Will you add your

physical presence so that together we can create some real visibility? What ideas do you have for fun events? Do you know of others who might be persuaded to become owners? Please contact **Woody Chittick** (wchittick@attbi.com) with your ideas.

FYI - Cape Cod Shipbuilding's website is [www.capecodshipbuilding.com](http://www.capecodshipbuilding.com). They have one used 1997 H-12 left, asking \$26,000. Fully equipped new H-12s sell for about \$30,000, with nine on order (delivery 12/03 or thereabouts). They have no used Bulls Eyes for sale, and new boats go for about \$20,000 (six Bulls Eyes are on order with the same delivery date as above). The Doughdish, almost a carbon copy of the H-12, is now sold by Bill Harding of Harding Sails ([www.hardingsails.com](http://www.hardingsails.com)).

-Woody Chittick

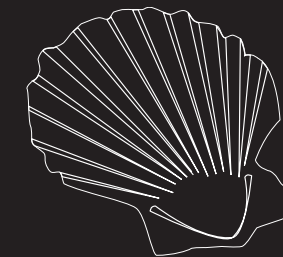
## RACE COMMITTEE NEWS

This year is going to be a great year for sailing at CYC. We have a very talented and dedicated group for our CYC Race Committee and we are grateful for the time they volunteer. CYC will be hosting four major events this year - all of which will be held off of Cohasset's beautiful coast: The Sullivan on June 21 and 22; Water Front Weekend on July 26; Chowder Day on August 31; and The Quincy Challenge Cup on September 20 and 21.

In addition to the above, racing on Saturdays and Wednesdays will start on May 31, 2003. The Executive Committee, led by our Commodore **Danny Evans**, has helped promote, encourage, and provide space for the 210 Fleet that now boasts sixteen active boats. There will be plenty of room for anyone interested in going out for a sail on a 210 this summer. If you are interested, please contact the new 210 Fleet Co-Captains, **Eric Richter**, **Lynn Conway** and **Bill Tierney**. We are also very excited about the rebirth of the very distinguished class of Herreshoff 12s. Past Commodore, **Woody Chittick**, is leading

the resurgence of the Herreshoff 12s. Anyone interested in some casual sailing with the H-12s should give Woody a call.

This year the race committee would like to promote the first annual "Water Front Weekend" with a Hawaiian theme. The



goal for the weekend is to get as many people and boats out on the water! Get out on a 210, Herreshoff 12, Flying Scott, Cruiser, power boat, or kayak. Get on the water! If you know someone that does not own a boat, invite him or her out on your boat. There will be a number of events happening during the day. The first 210 race of the day will be for the Aloha Bowl, thus the Hawaiian theme. The second race will be for the Junior Memorial Trophy,

where skippers from the junior activities program will compete for the Junior Memorial Trophy with the owner and crew on board each 210. All of the boats on the water will be judged for their Hawaiian garb and team spirit. For all of those cruising boat skippers who want to show off their skill on the racecourse, they will be competing for The Dickson Cup. These events will be very exciting and for those who would like to cheer from the sidelines, fill up your coolers with food, beverages and spirit and get in your boats and onto the water! Following a great day of excitement, the Entertainment Committee will be hosting a cookout back on shore at the club.

The Sullivan, Water Front Weekend, Chowder Day and The Quincy Challenge Cup are all great opportunities to get involved with the CYC's water front activities. And if that is not enough, there is sailing on Saturdays and Wednesdays throughout the summer. Mark your calendars and get on the water!

-Eric Crews

