



# THE BINNACLE

*The Dog Days of Summer, August 2004*

## COMMODORE'S LOG

Summer is in full swing! With so much activity going on, there's a contagious air of excitement at the club.

There's no shortage of "on the water" activities in which to get involved, from the more serious (yet friendly) Sullivan Regatta and Bemis Series, to our popular Wednesday Night racing.....a great way for sailors of any age or sailing experience to come down to the club mid-week and enjoy the water and camaraderie. We're fortunate to have a new resource, *Moonbeam*, a 19-foot, lobster-style boat donated to the club by **Buzz and Connie Gagnebin** to be used primarily as a support boat for racing and sailing. Pictures of *Moonbeam's* dedication ceremony can be found on our Web site, [www.cohassetyc.org](http://www.cohassetyc.org).

Our new Adult Sailing Program is now in full swing. These lessons, taught by member volunteers using Bullseye- and Herreshoff-design boats are a great way for those of you with limited or no sailing experience to learn or brush up on sailing basics. Equally exciting is the club's recent purchase of *Sweetpea*, a 1963 Bullseye, for use in adult lessons lessons, the Junior Program, and soon to be available to qualified skippers for recreational sailing when qualification criteria have been set.. We expect these lessons and the addition of *Sweetpea* to our CYC fleet to further expand our growing Herreshoff fleet. Special thanks go out to **Woody Chittick** for his tireless effort in tracking down, prepping and getting *Sweetpea* launched and ready to go, as well as all the energy he's put into getting Adult Lessons off the ground. Thanks to the other members of this ad hoc committee, **Libby Allard, Grace Evans, Bernadette Faulkner, Betts Murray**, and others who have signed on to teach and assist.

Our Juniors have been having a great summer, representing the club well at the various summer regattas, as well having fun days on and off the water. CYC was the host of the Curtis and Charles Trophies (the MassBay Jr. Double- & Single-handed Championships) on July 13-15. This event was a great success under the leadership of **Grace Evans** and **Betts Murray** and a long list of volunteers. The Junior Program is a year-round effort, so please take a moment to thank our Co-Chairs **Lydia Everett** and **Rusty Landon**, the Junior Activities Committee members and parent volunteers who help out, along with Program Heads **Lindsey Blampied** and **Lydia Guild** and their staff of instructors. Our Junior program is a gem and all of the hard work that goes into the program pays dividends for our kids.

Looking ahead, our cruise to Maine will be leaving for Penobscot Bay, Maine during the week of August 22. This event will be very well attended this year, but there's always room for more sailors. Contact **Mary Whitley** or **Tucker Collins**, or [www.cohassetyc.org](http://www.cohassetyc.org) for more details. Our Labor Day Party will be held on Friday, September 3, followed by Chowder Day on September 4, and our Annual Meeting on the evening of September 9. Please make every effort to attend these end-of-season events.

One unwelcome end-of-season event is the potential for powerful storms. An ad hoc committee has been hard at work composing a CYC Storm Policy to give the membership guidance about what is required of them to protect their boats and club property in the event of a storm. The Storm Policy will be posted on our web site and mailed in the near future.

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Copies will also be available at the club house. Please take some time to review the policy and get back to **Peter Pearce** with any questions.

Thanks to everyone for making this summer so great, especially **Dave Marks** and his staff who make it all possible.

- **Matt Steele**

[www.CohassetYC.org](http://www.CohassetYC.org)

## CYC 2004 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## FROM THE DESK OF AUGUSTA WYND

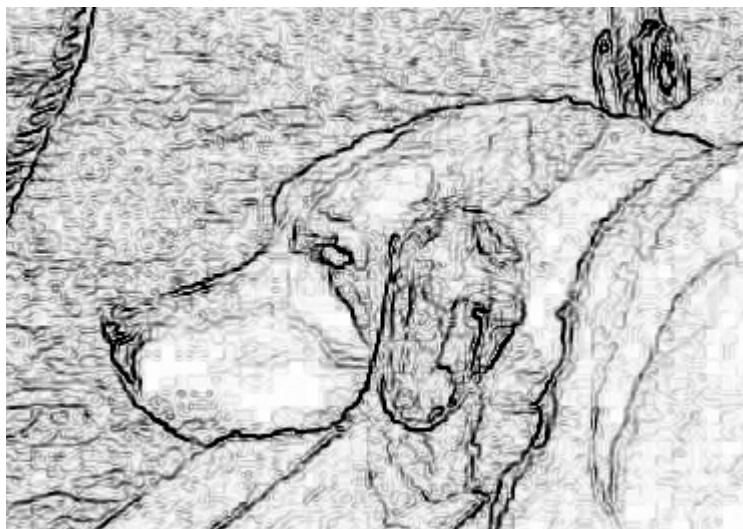
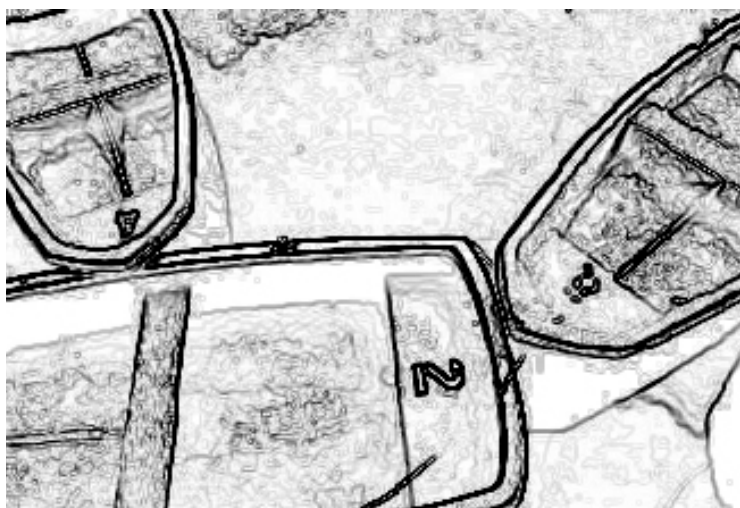
This has been one of the most active CYC seasons I can remember. The Commodore's Log says it all. The only thing I want to add is a big THANK YOU to all the people who make CYC such an enjoyable place to be – including **Dave Marks** and his staff and all the volunteers who run the races, organize the parties, teach the juniors and plan the cruises.

- Augusta Wynd

## USE IT OR LOSE IT!

More than two seasons ago, the club instituted a policy whereby "the boat of record must occupy the slip for a minimum of six weeks prior to Labor Day to qualify for continued slip assignment." This was done to ensure maximum utilization of club's facilities, as there are currently more than forty members on the waiting list for slip assignments. Members not adhering to the policies regarding slip assignments are subject to forfeiture of their slip after the season, and may subsequently request to be added to the waiting list. Please contact **Keith Van Etten** with any questions.

- Keith Van Etten



## RULES OF THE ROAD

Did you now that you are legally responsible for the safety of those on your boat, any damage your boat causes to other boats and property, and all others injured by any damage you cause? These simple rules of the road may help keep this boating season safe and fun.

Crossing – Every boat has a danger zone from straight in front (the bow) to past the middle of its right side. The one on the Right has the Right of Way. You must yield to boats in your danger zone.

Power Boats Must Yield to Sail Boats – and boats being rowed or paddled, except in a narrow channel. Stay well clear of all vessels.

Overtaking – Be ready for trouble when a power boat passes you in a narrow waterway. As the lead boat (which always has the right of way) stay on your side of the channel and maintain a steady speed so that the overtaking vessel can safely pass you. Use your radio if necessary to discuss this with the passing boat.

Meeting – As in a car, both stay to your right and as far apart as practical, so it's easier and safer to cross each other's wake. Give notice by steering to right while still far apart, and then stay with that plan unless the other boat indicates otherwise.

- United States Coast Guard

## FOURTH OF JULY DINNER DANCE

Thunderstorms, heavy hail and ... believe it or not ... local tornado warnings blew out to sea just in time to make way for a beautiful moonlit evening for CYC's Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance. Scrumptious food, live jazz, lots of dancing and lively conversation made for a delightful party!

A special 'thank you' to The Village Greenery for lending us all of the beautiful white impatiens for the lovely table centerpieces. And thanks again to our very talented **Tom Newhall** for another fabulous July 4th invitation design.

- **Judy Tedeschi**

## LABOR DAY PARTY

Come start Labor Day weekend at our annual dinner dance on Friday, September 3. Cocktails and appetizer will kick off at the club at 6:30 pm, with a dinner buffet to follow. Z Chef is once again catering, and will be preparing a delicious meal for us. After dinner, our favorite DJ will provide an assortment of music sure to suit everyone who wants to bring in the holiday weekend with a fun evening of dancing. For more information, please call **Sarah Morton**.

## 2004 CYC SUMMER CRUISE

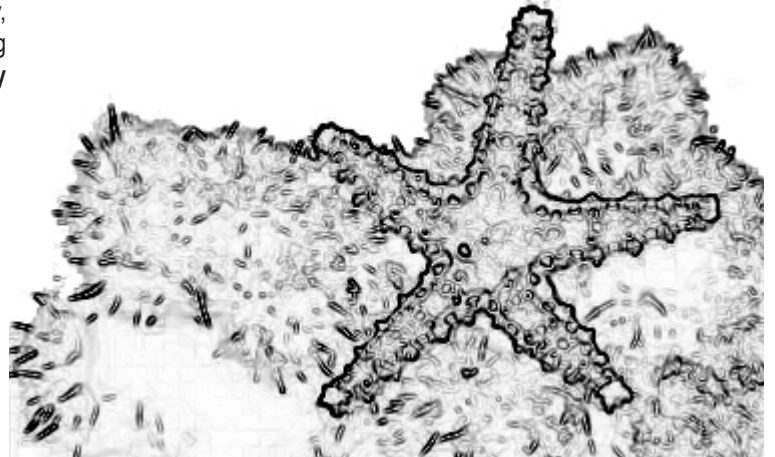
Against the backdrop of the setting sun on the porch of the CYC, excitement prevailed as the Cruising Committee entered the final planning stages for the 2004 Summer Cruise to the Penobscot Bay area of Maine.

The cruise itinerary has been finalized and includes destinations such as Bucks Harbor and Bass Harbor that have places to stay ashore and many fine restaurants. These protected locations would be excellent spots for CYC members to visit the cruise down east. More information about shore-based activities can be obtained from the Embassy Guides cruise guide to the "*Maine Coast*."

The fleet is growing and is expected to include more than a dozen CYC boats. The current list of club participants with their contact information is provided below. A meeting for all cruise participants will be held on Tuesday, August 17th at 7:30 pm on the club's porch. If you can't attend the meeting and would like a copy of the CYC Summer Cruise Guide, please call **Mary Whitley**.

### Itinerary - Sunday, August 22 to Saturday, August 28

August 21 (Saturday) Rockland, informal rendezvous  
August 22 (Sunday) Castine, East of Ram Island  
August 23 (Monday) Bucks Harbor  
August 24 (Tuesday) Pretty Marsh, Mount Desert Island  
August 25 (Wednesday) Bass Harbor, Mount Desert Island  
August 26 (Thursday) Southeast Harbor, Deer Island  
August 27 (Friday) Seal Cove, Vinalhaven



As of July 27, the following CYC members were participating:

Mary Whitley and Tucker Collins 617-840-9277, with Caroline 781-985-4452 - Sapphire, Bristol 41.1 (blue)

Heidi and Steve Bobo 781-775-4788, with Samantha - Poco, Cal 29 (white)

Susan and Bob Durant, with Colby, Whit, Tyler and Katherine - Walkabout, Sabre 38 (white)

Barbara and John Canney 781-405-4576, with Garrett 617-568-3495 - Second Wind, C and C 33

Elizabeth and Diarmuid O'Connell 603-247-2571 - Tooten, 32' Nordic Tug (red)

Taffy and Jeff Nothnagle 617-966-4669, Fascination

Joanne and Woody Chittick 781-956-4323, Beneteau 44.5

Jane and Dave Crocker 617-653-1195, Valeehi II

Robin and Paul Lualdi 617-653-0184, Pearson 39

Lib and Emmett Holt 207-867-2052 - Denial, Cape Dory 28

Grace and Dan Evans 617-842-4820, with Kathryn, Rebecca, William and Sarah, and Sheila & Don Evans - Whirlaway, Bristol 47.7 (blue)

Alfred and Carol Slanetz 781-383-2875, with Abigail, Charles and Michael - Cara Mia, Herreshoff 47

Nan and Denny Roth 781-383-9164, with Henry, John and Sam - Swallow, Lecomte Northeast 38

- **Tucker Collins**

## A MID-SUMMER'S DAY SAIL

So far the season has shown just how much sailing is a part of the Cohasset Yacht Club. The 210 season got off to a great start with the Sullivan Regatta. **Steve Bobo** and company ran another great Sullivan...Thanks Steve! The Sullivan had **Stu Hebb** up from Miami, **Jim Babel** and **Bill Hawk** from Gull Lake, as well as **Butch Milan** and **Dan Keefe** from South Boston, **Kye Partridge**, **Greg Sullivan** and **Bill Rease** from Hingham and **Oakley Jones** and **Jon Bloom** from Falmouth. **Randy** even made the trip from Maine to crew. There was also a bunch of other people that sailed from Cohasset to top off the regatta with twenty plus boats. **Eric Richter**, **Bill Tierney**, **Lynn Conway**, **Jay Murphy**, **Mike Dickey** and the Cohasset 210 Fleet ran a great event with a reasonable entry fee, dinner, cocktails, and nice trophies. Hats off to **Eric Crews**, **Mark St. Onge**, **George Parks** and **Rob Breslin** for winning the Sullivan with *Grace*!

The Bemis series has developed into a spirited and friendly race for bragging rights as the fastest 210 in Cohasset. We have had a number of great weekends of sailing and look forward to the rest of the summer. This year CYC has seen an amazing growth in the Bulls-eye and H12 fleet. Hats off to **Woody Chittick** and company for keeping the faith and getting out on the water.

What can I say about Wednesday nights! The club has seen the beginning of a great tradition. Wednesday nights have evolved into an evening for anyone that wants to get out on the water in the middle of week and spend time with family and friends. The Wednesday Night tradition is to make sailing available to anyone and everyone at the club. A chance to give it a try, meet some new people and enjoy our wonderful waters off of Cohasset. The goal is to have fun on the water followed by a very casual porch gathering to talk and enjoy a mid week sunset. A new twist this year is that it really has become an evening for the whole family in the sense that the Optis have joined in on a separate course followed up with pizza, soda and good cheer!

Speaking of sailing and I do not want anyone to think about the fall quite yet, however Chowder Day is coming up on September 4, 2004. Be sure to mark your calendars, get your boats ready and your crew in shape for the great CYC tradition of sailing, recognition, and CHOWDA!

On behalf of the CYC Race Committee Co-chairs, **Eric Crews**, **Kathleen O'Donnell** and myself, I would like to thank those that make the commitment to help run races, run the support boat and or help with Wednesday nights. Members like **Dave Calhoun**, **Harry St. Onge**, **Steve Bobo**, **Dave Crocker** to mention a few, help keep sailing strong at CYC.

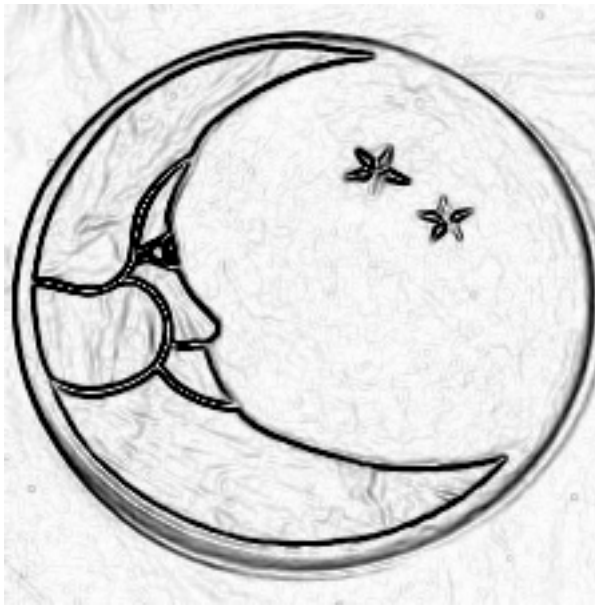
Enjoy and we will see you *On The Water!*

- **Charlie Henry**

## MOONBEAM DEDICATION

On June 27, members gathered on the docks and around a very shiny *Moonbeam* for a joyful dedication of this newest addition to the club's fleet supporting sailing and racing in Cohasset. With the bright red Herreshoff 12 ½, *Binger* close at hand as a reminder of the rebirth of the loyalty to this classic design, **Buzz Gagnebin** shared warm memories of sailing with his father, **Louis Gagnebin** on their beloved Herreshoff *Moonbeam*, and how pleased he was to think of the name being active in the harbor once again. **Sam Wakeman** and **Wisner Murray** accepted the wonderful donation of *Moonbeam* from **Buzz and Connie Gagnebin** to the warm applause of a grateful membership.

On behalf of the Commodore, **Wisner Murray** thanked Steward **Dave Marks** for his "persistence, painting & polishing and preparations" that lead to *Moonbeam's* gleaming state. Without much effort, one can see design and color similarities with the Race Committee signal boat, the *Clifford J. Dickson*.



Following the ceremony, many were treated to the smooth sounds of a string trio playing on the porch as Buzz demonstrated that victory in sailboat racing was not his only talent.

The Race Committee is at work outfitting *Moonbeam* with all the gear she will need. Look for her appearing in an event near you!

- **Wisner Murray**

## DAY TRIPS – LOVELLS ISLAND

A favorite camping island, 62-acre Lovells Island has trails that pass by dunes and woods, picnic areas, the remains of Fort Standish, and a supervised swimming beach.

Named for Captain William Lovell, an early settler of Dorchester, Lovells Island is known as the location of shipwrecks, most notably the 74-gun French warship *Magnifique* in 1782. Another shipwreck involved a vessel sailing to Maine that struck the rocks in the dead of night. When the passengers escaped to Lovells Island, they died of exposure, including an engaged couple found in an embrace beneath the shelter of a large boulder still visible today. Native Americans used the island to fish, garden and trade. European settlers used Lovells for timber, as a fishing station, as a residence for the keepers of Boston Light, and as a rabbit run. Once the home of two navigational lights, Lovells Island was a buoy-tending station in the early 1900s and was fortified before and during World War I, with the remains of Fort Standish still to be explored.

Can you take your boat out to the islands? Sort of...you can drop off your guests and gear at the island docks and anchor off shore. Dinghies are usually available. No pets are allowed.

For more information call 617-727-7676.

- [www.bostonharborcruises.com](http://www.bostonharborcruises.com)  
- [www.bostonislands.com](http://www.bostonislands.com)

## HERRESHOFF FLEET UPDATE

The fleet has expanded into double digits! Since the last *Binnacle*, *Quandary*, the **Bobos'** self-built Haven has been launched, *Primrose* (**Jerry Smith**) and *Malabar* (**Dick & Rich Chute**) are at their moorings and the club's new/old Bullseye, *Sweetpea*, has traveled from Cataumet to our docks. **Chris Oddleifson's** *Piccolo*, another Haven, has been joining us on Wednesday nights, so our count is at 11 boats in the water, with another member or two rumored to be in the market for Herreshoffs.

We've been able to sail on three of the past five Wednesdays, with five to six boats out each evening. Wednesday, July 21, was a beautiful night with seven boats out and six racing. *Quandary* was on its shakedown voyage and stayed on the periphery. **Alfred Slanetz** and friends on *Maribee* joined us as a non-racer. *Scoot*, skippered by **Arthur Young/Marie Lefton** seems to have a slight advantage over many other boats – maybe because it has more hardware and shiny *objets* than Elizabeth Taylor accumulated in her many marriages. But there are no standings since (a) no boat wins or loses consistently, (b) we've decided that the casual nature of Wednesday nights would be impaired if we kept score, and (c) I failed to keep track of results when we began back in June. We were "calmed out" on July 28<sup>th</sup>, but our weather luck has been good overall. Generally, there is always a boat or two that could use a crew, so call ahead or just come on down and take pot luck.

We're especially pleased to get *Sweetpea*. She will be used in our adult and Mariner sailing programs and soon will be made available to qualified skippers for recreational sailing. **Betts Murray & Libby Allard** are working on qualification standards. *Sweetpea* is an oldish-boat in quite good condition (like Dick Clark, and indeed so many of us, she doesn't look her age, thanks to a little polish and varnish....) We hope to have her join us on Wednesday evenings, and in all fleet races, for that matter.

The Dickson Cup (all boats) was scrubbed due to rainy weather, but our disappointment was offset by anticipation of the Sherbrooke Cup on Saturday, July 31. The Sherbrooke is a single-handed race for a single class of boats. The race rotates between classes, and so for us, this is an every two-three year event. The day was extremely warm, extremely sunny, and extremely windy (gusts well above 20 kts). Eight sailors showed up - regulars **Betts Murray, Smudge Gundersen, John Beck, Steve Bobo, Arthur Young, Jay Murphy**, and **Woody** plus the old war horse, **Ken Cook**, eager to take *Sweetpea* through the paces. Ken is arguably one of the club's finest (if not the best) 210 racers in its history. He seemed to be the only one hoping the wind would pick up a bit to "make things interesting". But when one wind gust blew over a 420 on the dock, another toppled a bottle of beer (the bottle was a test case only), and then **Kathy Sherbrooke** reported that by her observation "it's really honking out there!" consensus was to postpone. And thanks to Kathy, we learned a new nautical weather term! I believe "honking" is just this side of a gale....

A wise call since single-handed sailing would have been extremely unwise (as Arthur demonstrated by having his tiller snap in a quick spin around the harbor). The **Bobos** in *Quandary* demonstrated that you don't need sails up to reach hull speed. **Smudge, John & Woody** took *Sweetpea* for her maiden voyage and can report that all is copasetic with her.

So, until our next Binnacle, here's wishing you sunny and breezy days & evenings.

- **Woody Chittick**

## THE RESULTS ARE IN – A FISH STORY

The 2004 CYC Fishing Tournament was enjoyed by all participants. The change in venue, combined with donations provided by the local business community (all of your favorite haunts) created the foundation for a successful event.

The format of fishing Saturdays and Sundays from June 12 to July 10 was certainly different, yet the first day of the tournament began with the traditional blast from the cannon. While the bang of the cannon was loud, the field of contestants was a little sparse. As fate would have it, the largest two bass caught during this five-week tournament were caught on the first day.

The tempo of the tournament progressed steadily each week and so did the number of anglers. In fact, there were only two days during the event where fish weren't logged. In addition to the awards presentation on the final day, July 10, a box lunch was enjoyed by the membership and their guests.

Here are the results of the tournament and the awards:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Award</u>
<b>12 &amp; Under Winner</b>			
Patrick Holway	Striper	12.000 lbs.	Rod & Reel from a generous member
Jack & Chris Murphy	Blue	8.000 lbs.	Rod & Reel from Monahan's Marine
Cailey Hart	Blue	7.000 lbs.	Rod & Reel from R&R Marine
Sam Murphy	Blue	5.000 lbs.	Rod & Reel from Olde Salt Outfitters
<b>Adult - Bass</b>			
Dave Holway	Bass	23.125 lbs.	\$100 Gift Certificate - Red Lion Inn
Dave Murphy	Bass	17.000 lbs.	\$100 Gift Certificate - Red Lion Inn
David Hill	Bass	14.250 lbs.	\$100 Gift Certificate - Atlantica
Judy Wainwright	Bass	13.750 lbs.	Tuna Charter - Reel Satisfaction, Capt. P. Hart
Rob Rolston	Bass	13.250 lbs.	\$50 Gift Certificate - Bernard's
Conor Holway	Bass	13.000 lbs.	\$25 Gift Certificate from Belson's Bait & Tackle
Conor Holway	Bass	12.000 lbs.	Maui Jim sunglasses from a generous member
<b>Adult - Blue Fish</b>			
Sean Cunning	Blue	6.250 lbs.	\$100 Gift Certificate - Atlantica
Colby Mantz	Blue	3.800 lbs.	\$50 Gift Certificate Belson's Bait & Tackle
<b>Door Prize</b>			
Mike Gangemi	Fishing Charter - Capt. T. Lemare		

On your next visit to the club please take note of the plaque hanging over the left side of the fireplace listing all of the generous contributors. Additionally, when visiting any of these establishments a kind word to the proprietor would be appreciated. Any thoughts or suggestions would be gladly received in an attempt to evolve the CYC Fishing Tournament into an event that can be enjoyed by all.

- **Todd Brown (todd.brown@csfb.com)**

## MASSBAY JUNIOR REGATTA

On July 13-15, CYC hosted the Curtis and Charles Trophies (the MassBay Jr. Double- & Single-handed Championships). On the first day, **Dave Kirkpatrick** of Vanguard Sailboats ran a clinic. The next two days consisted of racing. We were able to run 10 races over two days, with good variety in wind conditions. You may recall how cold that week was!

The first day of racing was a challenge but we had five decent races. With a thick fog bank out beyond the ring of rocks and buoys marking Cohasset's entrance, we took advantage of the morning high tide and ran two triangle-windward leeward/RC in the middle courses in a steady 12-15 NE breeze with chop in an area just outside the harbor. (This was a good thing for the laser sailors who did not think I was serious about the 0830 harbor start. They know who they are....)

When we could no longer see from Signal Boat to the windward mark and when one boat started to sail away down the coast, we called racing and sent the sailors in for hot chocolate and lunch (thank you to **Grace Evans** and crew) in front of the fireplace at CYC. Even though a fresh bunch of wood was delivered mid-day, and the sailors were dry and happy, we sent them out when the fog lifted a bit. Wind was slightly more northerly and we ran three more races - two double WL and a gold cup in 18-20 knots. All 10 lasers started and finished each race with lots of capsizing, and a few 420s had some gear and capsize issues. With all support boats tied up, we called racing for the day about 3:30 pm and no one complained about this decision.

Thursday's races were in much lighter air, from the southeast. With a late morning snack to tide the sailors over until they reached shore, we were able to run five races. **Mrs. Charles** was on hand to give out the prizes, as was **Commodore Steele**, who also greeted the sailors at the Competitors' Meeting the first night. The kids were great and it was a pleasure to have them here.

Many thanks to the CYC members and friends who helped with this event:

*Housing:* The **Bertolamis, Dalys, Evans, Faulkners, Hurleys** and the **Kenileys**

*Food:* **Sarah Murphy & children, Grace Evans, Susie Durant & children, Kellie Gaumer, Jennifer Landon, Chris Whoriskey** and **Susan Wilcox**

*Registration:* **Taffy Nothnagle**

*Web site:* **Jay Murphy**

*Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race:* **Ken Cook**

*Trophies:* **Barb Canney**

*Race Committee and Support Boats:* **Dave Calhoun, Lynn Conway, Ken Cook, Dave Crocker, Michael Dick, Bernadette Faulkner, Dave Marks, Mike McNabb, Betts Murray** and **Wisner Murray**

*Judges:* **Sam Wakeman, Fran Charles** and **Jim Logue**

*CYC Logistics:* **Dave Marks**

*Clinic:* **Dave Kirkpatrick** of Vanguard Boats

The results of the event are posted on the club's Web site – [www.cohassetyc.org](http://www.cohassetyc.org).

- **Grace Evans & Betts Murray, co-chairs**

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

It's hard to believe that the summer is already half over! We've had a record number of participants in the Junior Activities program. We have participated in several regattas, we have had a number of activities at the club, and, most importantly, everyone is having a lot of fun. Here are some of the highlights:

Last Thursday, we had the annual beach overnight, highlighted this year by dry weather, lots of bugs, plenty of charcoal faces from the campfire and little if any sleep. (You undoubtedly recognized the lack of sleep on Friday if you were a parent.) As always, thanks to the Sherbrookes and Leggats for making their beach available to us. So far, there has been one "fun day," which involved sailing in boats of all varieties, an excursion to the flats and plenty of games to fill the afternoon. There will certainly be another fun day before the summer is over, possibly at George's Island.

Our Tuesday and Thursday afternoon racing at the club has been augmented by something new this year - Wednesday night racing coinciding with the 210 races. We have had great participation and enthusiasm from sailors of all levels in whatever boat they feel comfortable. Good racing, lots of fun, and pizza to cap it off at the end. **Dave and Kelli Calhoun** have been responsible for these evenings and have done a fabulous job. Thanks for starting a great new initiative!

The sailors have been actively involved with regattas, Hingham and Marblehead Race Week being the two major events so far this season. In the Hingham regatta, Cohasset sailors showed up the rest of the pack, especially in the Opti and 420 green fleets. In more challenging conditions and in a more competitive field, we showed solid results in Marblehead. We also participated, with one 420, in the Lipton Cup and the Falmouth Regatta.

The Mariner class is large and growing; most of the first session sailors have signed up again for the second session, something we don't normally see. Kudos to the instructors for creating such an enthusiastic bunch.

Thanks to all the parents who have helped out in so many ways during the course of the summer. We urge you to continue to volunteer and offer your ideas and encouragement to our great group of instructors.

- **Rusty Landon & Lydia Everett**



## THE ADULT SAILING PROGRAM HAS LAUNCHED!

Based on your input and discussions with several experienced CYC sailors, we kicked off the Adult Sailing Lessons on July 15. The response has been tremendous and the program is already growing.

### Schedule

Tuesday afternoons 1:30-3:30 pm

Thursday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday mornings 9:00-11:00 am

### Dates

We are running a six-week series of classes, Tuesday, July 13 through Sunday, August 22. We also plan to do a September series/daytime only.

### Concept

One can attend every class offered, or just a few. This is not like school, missing a class or two won't cause one to flunk. There are no grades! The idea is that you learn something each class you attend, no matter the gap.

You can attend any or all days, or just a series of Sundays, Tuesday or Thursdays. It's totally flexible, but you do need to sign up for classes so we will schedule our volunteer instructors accordingly. FYI, we have more instructors available Sunday mornings, if you have options, please chose Sundays.

### Objectives and Philosophy

Our focus is on flexibility and fun, and centered around on-water learning. All skill levels are welcome. Each boat has an experienced adult instructor, and two or three students of similar experience. Some beginner topics to be covered are listed below. If you are more experienced, we will ramp it up.

*Boat Awareness* - Learn enough to look and feel good in a sailboat. Getting on and off a small sailboat, steering, trimming sails, taking turns, instructor in boats. Rigging and de-rigging. Boat parts. Points of sail.

*Seamanship Basics* - Learn more nautical know-how to impress friends. Harbor awareness, right-of-way, speed, tides, buoys, Knots and cleats/how to tie up a boat, Boating safety.

### Boats

As many as possible, we use Bullseyes & Herreshoffs as the teaching boat: keels are essential. This means we will be sailing in beautiful boats that do not tip over- safe and stable. The club's very own boat, *Sweetpea*, a 1963 Bullseye, is now available for adult sailing. *Sweetpea* was picked up in Cataumet, washed and sanded, polished, varnished and bottom painted by **Woody Chittick**.

### Fees

A one-time fee of \$25 for the 2004 season. You can attend any and all classes. Please contact any of the following as soon as possible if you are interested in joining the group. **Bernadette Faulkner** ([bernfaulkner@comcast.net](mailto:bernfaulkner@comcast.net)), **Woody Chittick** ([wchittick@comcast.net](mailto:wchittick@comcast.net)), **Grace Evans** ([dgevens@comcast.net](mailto:dgevens@comcast.net)), **Betts Murray** ([bbetts@aol.com](mailto:bbetts@aol.com)), **Libby Allard** ([LALLARD2@aol.com](mailto:LALLARD2@aol.com))

## CYC SAILORS SHINE IN THE EMERALD ISLES

**Diarmuid O'Connell, Ross and Kathleen Sherbrooke and Kathleen O'Donnell** recently returned from the Irish Cruising Club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary cruise. This was a combined event with the ICC, the Cruising Club of America, the Clyde Cruising Club, the Royal Cruising Club and the Ocean Cruising Club. The fleet consisted of 182 boats and the cruise started with an opening event at the Royal Cork Yacht Club, the oldest in the world. The cruise finished with an attempt at a sunflower raft of 120 boats at Glengarriff, Bantry Bay, County Cork.

## STORMY WEATHER

Thanks to the efforts of **Ron Hobson** and **David Marks**, with input from **Sam Wakeman, Charlie Dean, Wisner Murray** and **Dan Evans**, the club now has an official Hurricane Policy. Look for this valuable information on the club's Web site ([www.cohassetyc.org](http://www.cohassetyc.org)) soon. We will also be mailing a copy to you. Finally, this policy will become a standard part of the club's handbook next year.



## CAN YOU SHED SOME LIGHT?

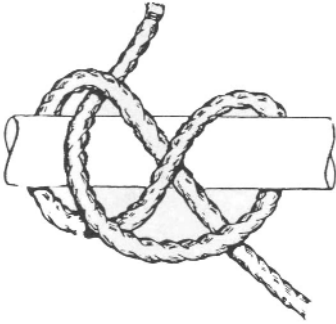
The Social Committee seems to have lost the votive candleholders used for every party. If you have them, please put them in the kitchen any time and they will pick them up. Little things like this help us keep the cost of our parties down. Many thanks.

## KNOT A CLEW

### Spar Hitch

This is something of a cross between a Clove Hitch and a Constrictor Knot. It grips better than a Clove Hitch where there is greater load on one side than the other, but is more easily undone than a Constrictor. To make the Spar Hitch, a turn is taken around the spar with the working end crossing over the standing part before going round again. It then crosses over itself and tucks under the standing part. All that remains is to work the knot tight.

– The Essential Knot Book, Colin Jarman



## NAUTICAL KNOW HOW

To Gather – A ship is said to gather on another as she comes nearer to her.

Gimbleting – The action of turning the anchor round by the stock, so that the motion of the stock appears similar to that of the handle of a gimblet, when employed to turn the wire.

Girt – The ship is girt with her cables when she is too light moored.

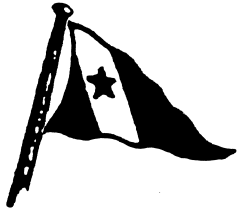
Goose-wings of a Sail – The clues or lower corners of a ship's mainsail or foresail, when the middle part is furled or tied up to the yard.

Grave the Ship – To burn off the filth from her bottom.

Gripping – The inclination of a ship to run to windward.

Grummet – A piece of rope, laid in a circular form and used for large boats' oars, instead of rowlocks and also for many other purposes.

Guy – A rope fixed to keep any thing in its place.



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