



THE BINNACLE

First Gust, April 2005

COMMODORE'S LOG

Happy Spring! It appears as if this long winter is finally behind us.

This winter has been a sad one for the Club. We lost three long-time members - Past Commodore **Bim Holt** (1973-1975), **Peter Whitman** and our only Life Member **Mrs. Ralph B. Williams**. They will be missed and our prayers go out to their families and friends.

We were quite busy behind the scenes in spite of the dismal weather this winter. At our January Executive Committee meeting we agreed to upgrade the Junior Sailing program with four new Club 420s and two new hard bottom inflatable support boats. In addition, we'll be expanding our docks to accommodate the nearly 100 junior sailors this season. With many of last year's staff returning, including Head Instructor **Lydia Guild**, along with some talented new instructors, we're excited about this upcoming season.

Our ad-hoc Adult Sailing Committee has also been hard at work planning an expanded program this season. More information about this exciting new program follows in this issue.

Our 210 Fleet has been planning for the 2005 210 Nationals which will be hosted at the Club on August 10-14. This is going to be a special event so if you are interested in getting involved please contact our new fleet captain Mike Dickey.

Our Cruising Committee hosted our annual CYC Winter Lecture on March 12th which benefited the high school Maritime Studies Program and Summer Institute. They have also been planning this year's summer cruise which will return to Penobscot Bay.

Dave Marks and his crew have been busy getting the docks and clubhouse ready for the season and appear to be making excellent progress in getting the Club in ship shape condition.

On the social front, many thanks to **Patsy and Charlie Dean** for another great and successful Winter Party at the South Shore Arts Center. Our next social event will be the New Members Party on May 27th where we'll welcome the Class of 2005.

Our web site, www.cohassetyc.org, is proving to be an excellent source of information for Club activities and events. I encourage you to visit the site for up-to-date Club information. I look forward to warmer days ahead and look forward to seeing you at the New Members Party.

- Matt Steele

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FROM THE DESK OF AUGUSTA WYND

Welcome to First Gust, our first issue of *The Binnacle* for the 2005 season. Even though it is snowing as I write this, **Dave Marks** and his crew have been setting up the docks and the clubhouse. Everything is coming together nicely.

It was so nice to be able to get together at our Winter Party at the South Shore Arts Center to enjoy some great food and drinks over Super Bowl weekend. And soon we'll be ringing in the start of the 2005 season at the New Members Party where we'll officially welcome our new members.

This is going to be an exciting and busy summer at the Club. Our Junior Program has expanded, our Adult Sailing program is bigger and better, and we'll be hosting the 210 Nationals in August. More information about these programs is included in this issue and more will follow as the season begins. We've even included some tips on getting your boat ready for spring, which if you're like me, you haven't tackled just yet.

See you on the docks!

- Augusta Wynd

2005 SUMMER CRUISE

After the successful cruise to Maine last summer, this year's CYC cruise will return to Penobscot Bay. The cruise will take place the week of August 22. The Cruising Committee is working on the itinerary for the Summer Cruise and will post the list of destinations on the CYC web site shortly. The *Embassy Guides* cruise guide on the Maine Coast or the *Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast* by Hank and Jan Taft are recommended for planning purposes. In the meantime, please call **Mary Whitley** at 383-9708 with questions.

Save-the-Date

NEW MEMBERS PARTY

Please join your fellow CYC members in welcoming the Class of 2005

Friday, May 27th
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm

We are providing a light buffet.

It's time to catch up with old friends and make some new ones!

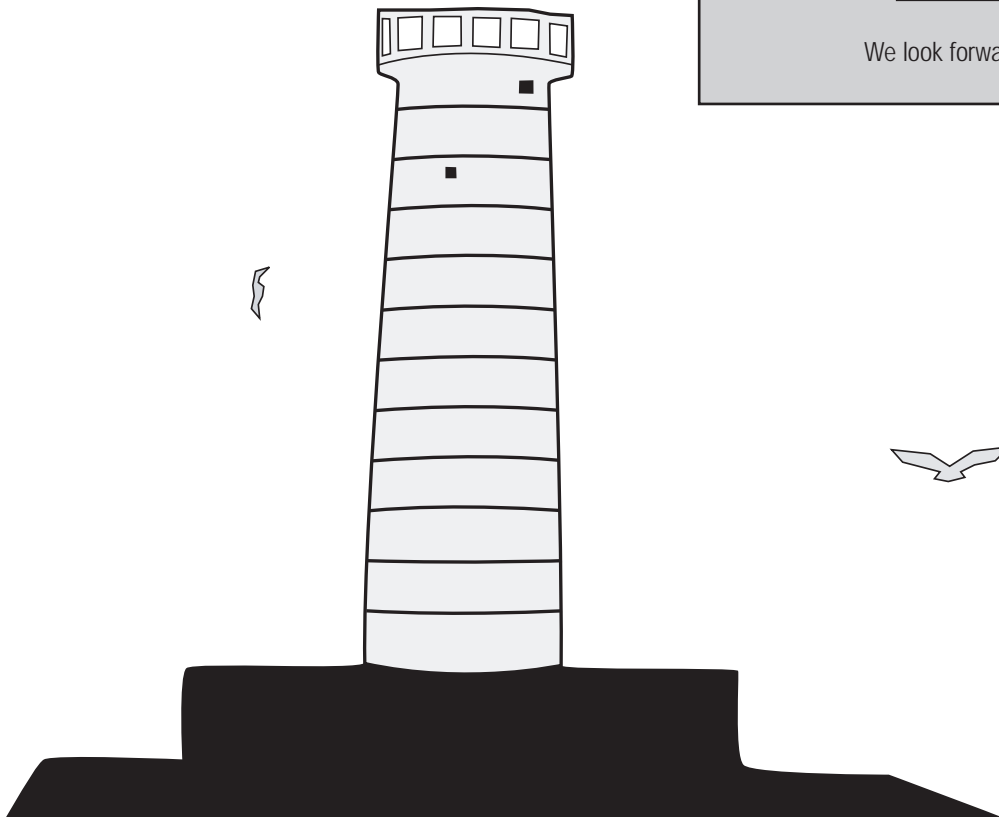
Details to follow in the next issue of *The Binnacle*, and at our web site

www.cohassetyc.org.

Please feel free to contact

Stacey Weaver at 383-9536 or Dawn Murphy at 383-1524 or
e-mail social@cohassetyc.org with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club!



COME ON DOWN!!

Last winter we heard from our own Kit and John Bryant about the George Town Regatta on tiny George Town in the Exumas. The Bryants have been cruising in the beautiful Bahamas now for seven years on their 35' Pearson Sloop KITTIWAKE. This year they write more about their wonderful cruising experience and recommend we give it a try.

It's snowing in Cohasset today as I write. I'm in the Bahamas on a sunny day sitting in the cockpit. The wind's sharp, cooling me on one side, warming me on the other. The clear sparkling water mesmerizes me with its ever-changing greens and blues against the lovely pinkish whites of the beach nearby. It's beautiful. The foliage affected by the hurricanes seems to be coming back daily.

Come on down you CYC cruising ladies (or wannabees). Not down by auto mile but come on down via the Intercoastal Waterway or go out into the ocean. Come to the warm waters where the sailing is great, the snorkeling is great, the sunsets are spectacular, and ashore and afloat, the people are special.

This is our seventh year sailing around among the hundreds of islands and cays – we wish we'd started ten years earlier. We are retirees with some experience behind us and we have a boat that's small: an "oldie but goodie", and, for the skipper who loves to race, she's fast. Her shallow draft is a real asset for these cruising grounds. The CYC fleet has several good boats for Bahamas cruising. You may not even have to search.

Lack of experience might put you off but there are books galore, cruising schools, and helpful old hands about. Former CYC members, our good friends on *Summersalt* and now on *New Moon* have helped develop the excellent Bahamas Explorer charts which are a must. You might want to join "Women Aboard" which is an information support group. They have frequent

chapter meetings, their own burgee to fly and a newsletter with tips for the cruisin' gal. The thing you need the most is the wish to "Just Do It"! Get your family enthused.

We were to go further into the Caribbean and sail for only two years. However we fell in love with the Bahamas, exploring, visiting settlements, hoping for a green flash at sunset. And the people are great – they haven't been spoiled yet by new money and tourism. It's such fun that our favorite taxi driver stopped to give me a welcoming hug as did little Freida whose native cooking is the best. And fellow cruisers.....some are old salts, some newbies, all ages and many personalities (mostly Canadians and Americans), and lots of healthy home-school kids having a whale of a time.

We've made wonderful friends and we don't even know their last names. We eat a lot of fish, some we catch, but much is given to us by friends. We loan tools, fix each other's computers, watermakers, and sick engines. There's plenty of social life if you want – it's the cruising community.

Some cruisers are live-aboards like us, some of part-times who store their boats in summer or take long holidays back North to see the snow, Santa and grandkids. Those who can earn a living aboard are the envy of all. They're consultants, writers, artists; they do boat deliveries and maintenance jobs. We mingle with them all, even the circum-navigators.

You can buddy-boat. You can go it alone. You can stay in the same place for months enjoying the myriad of activities the cruising people devise. We make George Town our mail drop and we go in the two George Town Regatta races, but we move about a lot.....about 6,000 miles a year Cohasset to Cohasset. You can do it too. It's a good life, almost all of the time! Come on down! And soon! - Kit and John Bryant

CYC WINTER PARTY

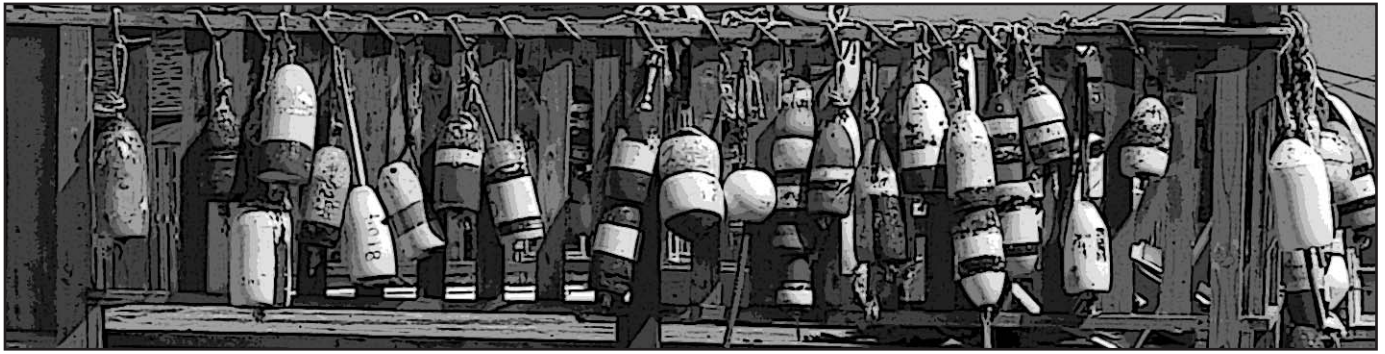
Hat's off to **Patsy and Charlie Dean** for again hosting the now legendary Winter Party!

A record number of 148 members and guests attended the fourth annual Winter Party held at the South Shore Arts Center on February 5, 2005. The Art Center provided a warm and cozy space for members to meet and mingle while leaving the mountains of snow outside. Lively conversation echoed throughout the Art Center as members leisurely admired the beautiful exhibit of *Native Flora: Botanical Treasures of the Northeast Seaboard*. A scrumptious meal of hearty hor d'oeuvres provided by caterer Laura Atherton was enjoyed by all members as they sipped wine especially selected for the evening.

Once again thank you to our Hosts Patsy and Charlie Dean helped by **Stacey Weaver** and **John Beck**. It was a truly lovely and elegant party enjoyed by all!

WINTER LECTURE A SUCCESS

While yet another snow storm blanketed Cohasset, on Saturday, March 12th the Cruising Committee hosted **John Harries** and **Phyllis Nickel** for the annual CYC Winter Lecture at St. Anthony's Parish House. This year's event was titled "Ice and White Space" about their adventures cruising in the high northern latitudes. Phyllis and John live on board Morgan's Cloud, their custom 56-foot aluminum cutter. This adventurous couple have become experts at sailing into some of the most remote parts of the world having made four visits to Greenland, a cruise to Svalbard, as well as cruises to Newfoundland, Labrador, Iceland, Baffin Island and Norway. This year's lecture featured remarkable photographs of their voyages to southern and eastern Greenland, as well as practical advice on a variety of topics, such as navigating in uncharted harbors. Despite the inclement weather, the event was attended by a diverse group of approximately 75 who enjoyed the lecture. If you missed the event, the authors have a fascinating article in the April issue of *Cruising World* called "Two Voyages in Darktime" or see their helpful web site (www.morganscloud.com).



ADULT SAILING GETS UNDERWAY!

Plans for an expanded Adult Sailing Program are quickly taking shape, thanks to a newly-formed committee headed by **Betts Murray** and **Steve Brown**. Those of you interested in being a student or an instructor should read the following carefully.

Schedule

We'll be offering three regularly-scheduled weekly sessions during the summer:

Tuesday afternoons, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Thursday evenings, 6 - 8 PM

Sunday mornings, 9 – 11 AM

The program will begin right after the July 4th weekend on Tuesday, July 5th. The summer session will wrap up along with the Junior program on Friday, August 19th; a fall session will begin after Labor Day, running through September /early October, weather permitting.

Students can pick one or more of these sessions. Students will be grouped based on interest and experience, and our desired ratio is two students per instructor. While we know that conflicts are inevitable, we hope that attendance will be regular, so that we can recruit (and then, utilize!) enough instructors, many of whom are willing to leave work early, provided they're needed. So, this year we're asking that you give us at least 24 hours notice if you cannot make a class; also, drop-ins from another session can be accommodated, on the same 24-hour notification basis.

Communications

If you are interested in any part of this program, please get on our email contact list by emailing Betts (bbetts220@aol.com) or Steve (sfbrown@mit.edu), since emails will be our primary mode of communication. You'll also find us on the CYC web site.

Boats

Our primary boats will be Herreshoff 12 1/2s and Bullseyes, both stable keel boats ideal for Cohasset's sometimes choppy waters. The Club's Bullseye (Primrose) and Herreshoff (Fiddler) will be augmented by similar boats provided by instructors. And there's more! For added excitement, we'll be enhancing sailing experiences by using one or more 210s and large cruising boats on occasion. And there's even more! A Cruising Fleet day trip is being planned for mid-July: students will skipper the big boats to a mysterious location for lunch, and back.

Curriculum

Instructors will follow a general curriculum, modified to meet the needs and interests of students. Although a sailing basics book will be recommended, most instruction will be on-the-water, do-it-yourself — with students taking

the tiller from cast-off to fetching moorings. We'll continue to balance learning with fun — our goal is not to turn out racers, but to have you learn enough to look good and feel good in a sailboat. Of course, getting to know your fellow members, and picking up some random factoids on Club history will continue to be an important by-product of the course.

We'll cover what to wear, some basic terminology, knots (just enough to keep you from drifting away), rigging the boat, rules of the road, trimming sails, navigating the channel, how to leave the boats ship-shape for other sailors, and all sorts of other useful stuff including signaling for the launch, how to enter a boat without getting "wet", avoiding collisions with lobster boats (and with your child's Optimist), and what to do when you've run aground. On the latter topics, our instructors have accumulated a wealth of experience that they'll share with you—sometimes unexpectedly!

Events

Not all the excitement will occur on the water! We'll be kicking things off with an Adult Sailing Program party at the Club on Friday, June 3rd, 6:30 PM. You'll meet the instructors and will get an overview of the curriculum and procedures. This is a BYO event.

But preceding that, we're working on a day-trip to the Herreshoff Museum in Bristol, Rhode Island in May, hopefully chartering a bus to make the 1 1/2 -hour trip easy & fun. We'll also be holding "Fire and Ice" parties after some of the informal Wednesday evening races— grills and condiments will be provided, you bring the burgers, hot dogs and beverages!

Boat Use

A modest charge to cover program expenses has yet to be finalized, but should fall into the \$25-\$50 range for the entire season, summer and fall. Students are expected to help with maintenance, primarily getting our two Club boats painted/varnished/waxed before launch, and putting them to bed in the fall. This fee will cover season-long instruction, for one or more sessions.

Procedures have also been worked out for members to use the two Club boats when they're not being used for group instruction. All users will be checked out for sailing ability and rigging knowledge by one of our qualified instructors. A log book will be kept in the launch shack for reserving times, signing in/out and reporting needed repairs. Any qualified member who does not participate in the Adult Program is welcome to sign out these boats once for free; thereafter a season-long fee will be assessed at the student rate.

That's it for now—see you soon!

- Woody Chittick

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

On May 1st, we'll be announcing the Class of 2005, and I know everyone will want to formally welcome our newcomers at the New Members Party on May 27th! We don't have a final head count yet, but expect to take in fewer than 10 families out of our pool of almost 30 candidates.

I'm sure there will be some disappointment among many of you when our list of acceptances is revealed, but we have experienced very few changes in status this year (i.e. resignations), and we have an **exceptionally strong** pool of candidates. Virtually all those being proposed bring with them extensive sailing/boating backgrounds; many are boat owners and most have children eligible for our burgeoning Junior Activities Program. The Committee would like to emphasize that **non-acceptance this year does not equate to rejection, merely deferral!**

We have had a net decrease of three Regular membership units since last summer, bringing our current headcount to 245. While our ceiling is 260 "units" (singles and families), we have agreed to approach this limit gradually, over a period of years. Here's the latest on changes in membership since last fall:

Resignations

Joe Gwinn (from Regular)
Heidi & Peter Condon (from Regular)
Tom & Barbara Astley (from Non-Resident)
Phil Dormitzer (from Regular)

To Non-Resident status

Eric & Mary Richter (from Regular)

-Woody Chittick, For the Membership Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

New Docks This Season

Wait until you see the docks this spring! We will be adding two new 20'X 40' docks between the Junior Activities Dock and the shore by the railway. You might ask, "Won't they be sitting on the mud at low tide?" Yes, but that's okay. They will be used as Opti and 420 storage and "classroom" space for the kids' programs. Junior sailors will be able to launch on the seaward side at all tides. Things had been getting quite crowded and this will allow us to spread out a little and to accommodate our growing number of young sailors.

Mooring Repairs

Many mooring holders have been getting bills for replacement hardware. Why? It appears an electrolysis problem has developed in Cohasset harbor. Chains and mooring eyes are lasting only six or seven years instead of the 10-12 we have been used to. The Harbormaster is aware of this problem and is working on identifying the source. We'll keep you posted. As a reminder, the Club picks up the labor associated with this work as a part of your annual maintenance fee. Hardware, however, is billed to mooring owners.

Slip Usage

A reminder to slip holders: If you do not plan to use your slip this summer, you must notify the Dockmaster, **Keith Van Etten** (781) 923-1062 or khvanetten@comcast.net by May 1st, and pay one half your fee or **you will risk losing your slip permanently.** Also, if your slip will be vacant for one week or more during the season, you are required to notify the Steward. This will allow other members to use the dockage for short periods.

- Peter Pearce

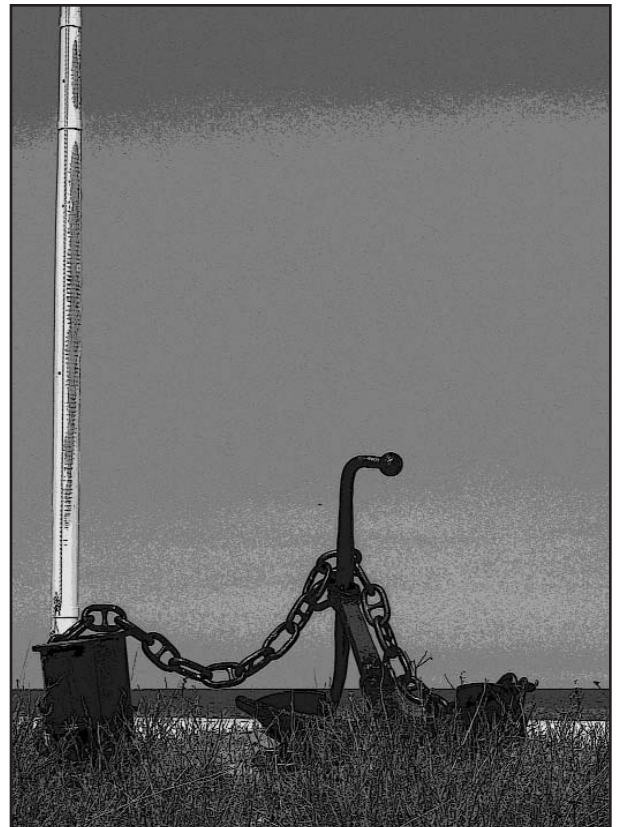
RACE COMMITTEE

Spring has arrived, and the assignments for the 2005 racing season will soon be in the mail. Our master scheduler, Chairman **Eric Crews** is using a Magic-8 ball to put the right people in the right slots. Our kick-off meeting for the Race Committee members is set for Sunday, May 22 at the clubhouse at 4 p.m. **Betts Murray** and **Sam Wakeman** have agreed to help us sweep out the cobwebs with their introduction to changes in the Racing Rules. With the added pressure of the 210 Nationals, we want to make sure that we have fully explored all the ramifications of the "Black Flag Rule" before we fire the first gun. (And no, pirates are not a new racing requirement.)

As you know, we will also be running the informal racing on Wednesday nights. **Kathleen O'Donnell** will be looking for volunteers, not necessarily Race Committee members, to help with setting the courses and starting the races. For those of you trapped in the office on Wednesday evenings, we will be forwarding e-mail pictures of the great time everyone else is having on the water.

The Race Committee looks forward to a lively summer.

- Eric Crews, Kathleen O'Donnell, Eric Richter



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES GRADUATE WINS 2004 SUNFISH WORLD'S

One of our own Junior Activities graduates is the Ladies Champion of the 2004 Sunfish World's. Her name is **Liza Clinton Genovese**. Liza started sailing in a Rookie in 1977 and worked up to being a cheery and encouraging Junior Activities Instructor, all the while sailing Sunfish with her father, Jim, and her sisters Hannah and Katie.

The Series this year was close by in Hyannis and competitors came from as far away as France and Venezuela. They were supplied with 100 new Sunfish to rig and sail the week of September 18th. Liza placed 41st overall and was 1st in the Ladies Division. Her two year old daughter Mae watched the reaches with her grandmother and was thrilled to be able to see her mother on the closed circuit TV.

Liza, her husband Sal and Mae now live in Marblehead but we wouldn't be surprised to see Mae around here in 6 years or so when she's learning how to sail.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES 2005 SUMMER PROGRAM

AHOY! Spring is in the air, so summer can't be too far away... We just unloaded four sparkling new Club 420s on a beautiful morning with the help of **Dave Marks** and crew who are very busy getting the Club ready for this summer. With all the activity down at CYC how can one help but look forward to a fantastic season ahead?

Some key dates for parents to note:

Junior Sailing Program Dates:	6/27/05 through 8/19/05*
Meet the Instructors+ Ice Cream+Boat Tune-Up	6/26
Hingham Regatta	7/21, 22
Marblehead Race Week	7/25-7/27
Scituate Harbor Regatta	8/8, 8/9
Wednesday Night Fun Nights	starting 7/6

Other regatta dates and information will be posted on the web site. The daily schedule will be sent out with registration materials in late April.

*We are planning on developing extra sailing times in the first weeks of the season to help address the later dismissal of Cohasset schools in June. Please stay tuned.

Junior Activities Committee members are in full planning mode, along with **Lydia Guild**, who will be returning as Head Instructor this summer. She writes:

Dear Sailors,

Spring is finally here, the days are longer and the sun is warm. This can only mean one thing: summer will be here before we know it! We have been working hard all year in order to make summer 2005 fabulous. Much of the staff is returning and we have three new additions this summer. I, **Lydia Guild**, will be the head instructor. **Devin Hurson** will be joining us as a 420 coach. **Jessie Guild** is returning home to CYC after a few years away to coach optis. **Pat Broome** and **Kathryn Evans** will be returning as senior instructors. **Wiz Murray**, **Jared Dick**, **Kara Wilcox** and **Catherine Whoriskey** make up our incredible group of junior instructors. Also, **Rebecca Evans** will be an intern this summer.

In the next few weeks we will have a quite a few new arrivals for the junior program including new 420s, new crash boats and new docks! These additions will help everything to run smoothly this summer. We are expecting to a program that is bigger than ever before with almost 100 sailors this summer. In addition to on the water developments we are getting creative with our ideas for fun days, fun races and many more events.

I can't wait to see everyone on the water!

Cheers,
Lydia

Watch for information and registration materials soon! See you on the docks!

Lydia Everett & Dave Calhoun, JAC co-chairs

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Jessie Guild

Lydia Guild

Devin Hurson

Kathryn Evans

Pat Broome

CLASSIFIEDS

SPRING CLEANING

It's always been sound advice for anyone to get to know a good banker and doctor. If you own a boat, you should add a good boat mechanic to the list. This is the time of year to work with your boat mechanic if you want to make sure you'll be "ship shape" for the coming season.

Getting your boat ready for the season takes more than a pail of suds and a hose. A good washing and waxing is a good start for the back yard do-it-yourselfer, but it may take an expert to make sure you have a summer of trouble-free fun with your craft, whether it's sail or power. Renowned boat mechanic **John Bayless** agrees that boat owners should get started with many of the items necessary to have a fit ship when launching time comes around. Basic preventive maintenance is important but the mechanical work is generally wise to be left to the professionals.

Bayless' spring checklist includes:

- ◆ Wash the boat down and apply a clearer wax on the hull.
- ◆ Inspect the zincs on your boat. Zincs are a sacrificial metal that protects against the deterioration of engine gear and other metal parts on the due to electrolysis. A good rule of thumb is to replace the zinc when over half of its original size has gone.
- ◆ Inspect the out drive and propellers. Make sure the propeller is "ding-free" as this can greatly enhance your boat's performance.
- ◆ Check the steering because often times the cables freeze-up during the winter.
- ◆ Check grease fittings on the out drives.
- ◆ Check the battery cables and charge all batteries.
- ◆ Change the oil at least once a year or every hundred hours is recommended.
- ◆ Change the plugs every year.
- ◆ Check the hull. Look for cracks or gel coat damage.
- ◆ If you own a sailboat, make sure all lines and sails are in good condition.
- ◆ Look for signs of wear.

BOSTON WHALERS FOR SALE

Two CYC-owned Boston Whalers are available for sale. Previously used in the support of the Club's junior sailing program:

1961, 13' with 20 HP Johnson outboard, runs great and well maintained. Asking \$2,100.

1959, 13' with no motor, asking \$1,100

LAUNCH FOR SALE

CYC-owned 20' Privateer, 1983, side console, once used as the CYC launch. Includes a 1989, 90 HP Evinrude outboard. Would make a great family boat, water taxi or launch. Asking \$4,800.

Contact Dave Marks at (781) 962-8211

There is one other area every boat owner should check before they leave the dock – Coast Guard-required equipment. Boat safety is the most important issue. Things to consider include:

- ◆ Visual distress signals (flares and flashlights) – up to date, with new batteries.
- ◆ Fire extinguisher – charged and accessible
- ◆ VHF radio - charged and in good working order. (Having a cell phone on board is also a good idea. Program marine emergency numbers into the phone.)
- ◆ Personal floatation devices (PFDs) must be on board. Boats of 16' in size or greater should have at least one Type-4 cushion or ring buoy on board.
- ◆ Audio distress signals (bells, whistles and horns) – should be on board and attached to PFDs as necessary.

Bayless represents Sea Crest Marine in Quincy and services many of the boats in Cohasset Harbor. – Ron Hobson



NAUTICAL KNOW HOW

Jaming – a particular method of taking a turn with a rope.

Jeers – The ropes by which the lower yards are suspended.

Jolly Boat – The smallest boat on board.

Junk – Old cable or old rope.

Jurymast – Any spar that is set up, when the proper mast is carried away.

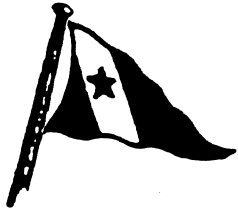
Keckled – Any part of a cable, covered over with old ropes, to prevent its surface from rubbing against the ships bow.

Kedge – A small anchor.

Keel-haul – To drag a person backwards and forwards under a ship's keel for certain offenses.

To Keep Away – To alter the ship's course to one rather more large.

Knippers – A large kind of platted rope, which being twisted round the messenger and cable in weighing, bind them together.



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