

THE BINNACLE

Summer Is Here!, May 2007

COMMODORE'S LOG

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Welcome to a new season of our 113 year old Club! Flags will go up at 8am on Friday May 25th; this is always a favorite sight for me as we mark the opening of the Club.

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We are pleased to be "piping aboard" seven new families to the membership this year! Their profiles are included herein. Please join me in a warm welcome for them at our New Members' Party on the 25th.

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Sadly, I note the recent deaths of Uve Hublitz and Mary Soutter, both long term and loyal members of our Club.

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Over the winter, the *Dickson*, our Club race committee boat, was rewired and equipped with new electronics and navigation equipment. Many thanks to the Race Committee and Rick Swanborg in particular for their efforts on this renewal project for the leader of our Club's fleet.

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Plans for the 23rd Sullivan Regatta for 210s on June 23rd & 24th are well underway. With the Cohasset Fleet now boasting 19 boats, there is sure to be a good group to compete for this trophy, a beautiful full 210 model. Many among us well remember Dick Sullivan's undying support of the 210 Class. And with another new boat in our 210 Fleet, there seems to be a race to stay ahead in numbers of the great growing success of the venerable Herreshoffs.

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As usual, Davey and his team have been hard at work preparing the docks and Clubhouse for the summer and all looks to be in great shape. Many thanks Davey!

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Finally, I report that the Club has received the final payment in our settlement with Davenport Crocker. As we close this chapter, I would like to express my appreciation to the membership for your support through this difficult situation.

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I look forward to seeing all on the docks and out on the water.

Fair Sailing!
-Wisner Murray

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CYC 2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Jennifer & David Lord and Sarah Morton & Howard Schide - Social Committee Co-Chairs
Claire and George Watts, Jr. – Cruising Committee
Stephen Brown and Betts Murray – Adult Sailing

CYC NEW MEMBER'S PARTY MAY 25TH

The CYC Entertainment Committee is pleased to introduce the Class of 2007 at the New Member's Party on Friday, May 25th. By now, you have all received your invitation to the party and are gearing up for a night to meet new members and catch up with summer friends. Cocktails and hors d'Oeuvres begin at 18:30 (that is 6:30 for those less nautically inclined) followed by a light buffet dinner. As most of you know, this members only party does attract a crowd, so if you haven't already done so, please RSVP to the newmembers@cohassetyc.org email or call, 781.923.1079 so that we can make sure to have enough food and drink to keep everyone smiling.

CYC SCHEDULE SUMMER 2007 EVENTS

Friday, May 25	New Members Party*
Friday, June 8	June Cocktails on the Porch
Friday, June 29	Fourth of July Dinner Dance*
Saturday, July 14	Fishing Tournament & Awards Party*
Saturday, July 21	Waterfront Weekend*
Friday, August 10	August Cocktails & Art Show
Friday, August 31	Labor Day Party*
Saturday, September 1	Chowder Day
Sunday, September 2	Raindate Chowder Day
Saturday, September 22	Fall Cocktails on the Porch

*Requires RSVP

Please note that for those parties requiring an RSVP, the CYC policy is that members will be billed based on the RSVP "Yes" list. Please help the Entertainment Committee honor this Club policy and try to avoid last minute changes when responding.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

The Yacht Club's "Class of '07" is now selected, and we have an exciting group of newcomers to formally welcome at our New Members' party on May 25th. All have at least one experienced sailor in the family, and all have children (14 in all, ranging in age from 1 to 15):

Brian & Joyce Driscoll live on Fernway with Dean (15) and Jacqueline (10). Brian has recently retired from the MBTA's Construction Department. He is now a consultant, while Joyce has been employed by Ikon Office Solutions in Boston for more than 25 years. Most of you have probably run into Brian & Joyce as volunteers in various Town activities: as a Cohasset Sailing Club trustee, as a coach at the Soccer Club, a Cohasset Lacrosse Booster, as a Deerhill School volunteer and an Arts Festival volunteer. Brian grew up sailing in Scituate and Joyce could be a candidate for our Adult Sailing Program—who knows!

Hollis & Mary Hunnewell have three children: Hollis (11), Fisher (8) and Charlotte (5). They've lived in Cohasset for about 9 years on Jerusalem Road. They also are active volunteers---Little League, the Arts Festival, PSO, etc, Hollis is Chairman of Waban partners, Inc in Hingham. Mary grew up in Fair Haven, NJ and owned/raced a Blue Jay as a youth. She has done extensive cruising with her parents from New Jersey to Nova Scotia; she can often be seen rowing her Alden Ocean Shell. Hollis learned to sail in a Turnabout, and also has done extensive cruising, primarily in Maine. Katie Dunn & Mary were college roommates at UVM while Hollis & Amory Julian are cousins---a small world!

Stuart Ivimey & Christine Woodward live on Sankey Road with Charlotte, age one, and another on the way. Stuart is well-known throughout Cohasset as a member of the town's Planning Board. He is also Chair of our Community Preservation Committee and Christine is currently Treasurer of the South Shore Community Center. Stuart is a lawyer in his own firm, and Christine is a banker at Bank of America in Boston. Both are avid sailors. They own a CAL 35 which they use to cruise in Nantucket Sound each summer.

Kevin & JoAnn Mirise live on Jerusalem Drive with daughter Willow (4) and son Perrin (2). Kevin is Vice President at Howe, Barnes, a large research & brokerage firm, while JoAnn is a self-employed graphic designer and writer. She has a regular column in the **Cohasset Mariner** on environmental sustainability and best practices. They lived for many years in San Francisco where Kevin, in particular, raced big boats in the Bay. He began sailing at age 4 and raced J24s and Ranger 28s at the Coast Guard Academy . He lived on a Morgan 32 for three years ---it is not clear if this was before he met JoAnn, but we presume that to be the case since JoAnn is a very sensible woman. Kevin bought Franny Charles' **Fanfare** (210 # 258) last year and has been racing with that fleet ever since.

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NEW MEMBERS *(continued)*

Geoffrey & Jenny Murphy live on Red Gate Lane with sons Max (5) and Gustav (3), and baby #3, due in June. Geoff is President of Columbia Electric Supply in Brockton; Jenny is active at the Carriage House Nursery School here in Cohasset. Geoff has been a member of the Hingham Yacht Club for more than 25 years where he's sailed Lasers, 110s, 210s, in various capacities. Jenny grew up in Sweden and cruised in her parents' Swan 48 throughout Europe. Geoff is also a single-handicap golfer and an avid tennis player.

Bert & Jennifer Rodiger each grew up in Connecticut, and have lived in Hingham for almost 15 years (Eastgate Lane) with sons Sam (11) and Nate (7). Jenny is the daughter of our own George & Claire Watts. Bert is a real estate financial consultant in Boston, and is on the board of the Greater Boston Real Estate Finance Association, and is active in the Urban Land Institute. Jenny grew up racing & cruising with her parents on Long Island Sound; Bert & Jenny have heretofore spent much of their summers in Kennebunkport (ME) canoeing & kayaking.

Rob & Jennifer Willms live on Atlantic Ave with sons Max (8) and Bayden (6). Both grew up in Toronto, and Rob, in particular, crewed on C&Cs of varying lengths out of Burlington, Ontario. Until recently, Rob was President of Digitas in Boston, and is on the board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Jen is an overseer of the Boston Ballet and is very involved in the Cohasset garden Club; she is also President-elect of the South Shore Arts Council---wherever paintings are displayed locally, you will find Jen. Rob is also active in motor sports racing with his Porsche.

CYC SUMMER CRUISE ITINERARY

Penobscot Bay, Maine

August 18-25, 2007

Saturday	Tenants Harbor/Long Cove
Sunday	Pulpit Harbor, North Haven
Monday	Bucks Harbor
Tuesday	Opechee Island (Center Harbor for lunch)
Wednesday	Frenchboro, Long Island
Thursday	Lay Day
Friday	Winter Harbor/Seal Bay, Vinal Haven
Saturday	Hurricane Bay, Vinal Haven
Sunday	Rockland/Tenants Harbor

CYC 2007 RACING SCHEDULE

INTERNATIONAL 210s , HERRESHOFF 12½'s, AND BULLEYES

DATES	EVENT	START	LOCATION
Saturday, June 16	210 Bemis and Bim Bowl	2:00 pm	CYC Skipper's Mtg. 12:45
June 23 + 24	Sullivan Regatta	11:30am	CYC Skipper's Mtg. 10am
Saturday, June 30	210 Bemis & Vice Commodore's Cup	2:00 pm	CYC
Wednesday July 4	Wed. Night Fun Races	5:30 pm	CYC
Saturday, July 7	210 Bemis & Vice Commodore's Cup and H-12's	2:00 pm	CYC
Wednesday, July 11	Wed. Night Fun Races	5:30 pm	CYC
Saturday, July 14 th	NO CLUB 210 RACES		
Sat./Sun. July 14 + 15	210's Newport/New England Championships		Newport, RI
Wednesday, July 18	Wed. Night Fun Races	5:30pm	CYC
Saturday, July 21	210 / H-12's Waterfront Weekend **	2:00pm	CYC Skipper's Mtg. 12:45
Sunday, July 22	Make-up Day for Waterfront Weekend	2:00pm	CYC Skipper's Mtg. 12:45
Wednesday, July 25	Wed. Night Fun Races	5:30 pm	CYC
Saturday, July 28	210 Bemis & Vice Commodore's Cup	2:00 pm	CYC
Wednesday, August 1	Wed. Night Fun Races Sherbrookes Single Handed	5:30pm	CYC
Saturday, August 4	Bemis & Commodore's Cup / H-12's	2:00pm	CYC
Wednesday, August 8	Wed. Night Fun Races	5:30 pm	CYC
August 7-11	210 Nationals **		Falmouth Yacht Club
Saturday, August 11	NO CLUB 210 RACES		
Wednesday, August 15	Wed. Night Fun Races	5:30pm	CYC
Saturday, August 18	Bemis & Commodore's Cup / H-12's	2:00pm	CYC
Wednesday, August 22	Wed. Night Fun Races	5:30 pm	CYC
Saturday, August 25	Bemis & Commodore's Cup / H-12's	2:00 pm	CYC
Wednesday, August 29	Wed. Night Fun Races	5:30pm	CYC
Saturday, Sept. 1	Chowder Day	10:00pm	CYC
Sunday, Sept. 2	Chowder Cup Make-Up Day	10:00 pm	CYC

** CYC Waterfront Weekend – Dickson Cup, Aloha Bowl (210's) and Junior Memorial (210's) Cookout/Fun Awards to follow. (Aloha Bowl will be sailed first and will count towards the Bemis and Vice Commodore's Cup.)

JUNIOR SAILING REGATTA SCHEDULE

Day	Event	Location
July 12- July 13	Hingham Bay Junior Regatta Optimist, Laser, 420	Hingham Yacht Club www.hinghamyachtclub.com
July 14- July 15	Lipton Cup Regatta Optimist, Laser, 420	Squantum Yacht Club, Qunicy www.squantumyc.org
July TBA	D.B.M.S. Optimist Regatta	Duxbury Bay Maritime School www.duxbayms.com
July 23- July 25	Marblehead Race week Optimist, Laser, 420	Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead www.pleon.org
July 31, August 1	Duxbury Junior Regatta Optimist, Laser, 420	Duxbury Yacht Club, Duxbury
August 3- August 5	Make a Wish Regatta Optimist, Laser, 420	Cottage Park Yacht Club, Winthrop www.cpyc.org
August 3- August 5	Buzzards Bay Regatta 420	New Bedford Yacht Club, Padanaram www.buzzardsbayregatta.com
August 6-7	Scituate Junior Regatta Optimist, Laser, 420	Scituate Yacht Club, Scituate www.shyc.net
August TBA	D.B.M.S. 420 Regatta	Duxbury Bay Maritime School www.duxbayms.com
August 13- August 15	Hingham Junior Olympics Optimist, Laser, 420	Lincoln Maritime, Hingham www.lincolnmaritime.org
August 14- August 15	Beverly Junior Regatta Optimist, laser, 420	Beverly Yacht Club, Marion www.beverlyyachtclub.org

C.P.R. CLASS

The Junior Activities Committee is offering a CPR class, required of instructors, to all interested Club members. The class will be held in June and the cost per participant will be determined once the final count is known.

Please contact Judy Tedeschi at minotslight@comcast.net by Memorial Day if you are interested in participating.

HERRESHOFF FLEET UPDATE

Once again, a bit of warm weather and optimism overflows! Almost everyone plans on having their boats in by June 1st—we hope to begin informal Wednesday evening racing by mid-June based on such prognostications. As many of you know, we lost **Beauty** (Ken Cook's H 12) over the winter but she didn't go far. She was sold to Selectman Ralph Dormitzer who plans on mooring her in Sandy Cove. I hope Ralph will join us on Wednesdays. I've heard of no additions but I am forever on the lookout for people who value the combination of extraordinary beauty and sailing characteristics that Herreshoff's design offers.

News Flash: The Sherbrooke single-handed race will be in 12 1/2s this year. Jay Murphy & George Parks (Race Committee heads) have decided that the Sherbrooke trophy will alternate with 210s every other year (unfortunately the 210s did not sail it last year due to weather, even after a makeup day).

Jay Murphy reports that "our boat should be in much earlier than last year! Did major varnish work last year - so only a little touch up required this year. And my work schedule should permit more Wed sailing this year (fewer NYC trips!). As for this season's prep work, we have faired the hull, put on Teflon paint and bought new sails so nothing major this winter!" Hmmmmm.....

Chris Oddleifson says "(I'll) be ready by June 1, I hope! -- the usual 40+ hours of work."

Dick Chute has also checked in: "As to the **Malabar**, I am hoping to get her in the water sometime in June. I doubt that I will race her as she is too old and slow to keep up with any of the fiberglass boats and, of course, the only boat that the national association permits to race against the wooden boats is the Doughdish because only it has the same weight as an original H-121/2 and to be honest all the Cape Cod Shipbuilding boats and Bullseyes have substantially greater boat speed than an original H-121/2. In any event, I most likely will have the Malabar restored next winter and that at least will mean (I hope) that one person does not have to spend all the time bailing when out for a sail or race." [NB both fiberglass makes have the same listed weight/displacement].

Tom Callahan says he'll get his Corinthian in by May 14th, and he expects the Club's **Fiddler** will go in about the same time. **Sweetpea**, the Club's Bullseye may not get in until June, depending on whether we do deck repairs before or after the season.

And to underscore that there is little new under the sun, here's a quote from *86 years ago* taken from the 1921 Annual Report of the Yacht Club's Regatta Committee:

"The 'twelve-footers' designed and built by Herreshoff, are stiff, seaworthy boats, capable of carrying full sail when larger craft are forced to reef. Because of their absolutely safe character, being non-sinkable and very stiff, and their small size, they are exceptionally well adapted for beginners, and their one-design feature makes racing in them very good sport. This year, they cost with full equipment and war tax, \$825 at Herreshoff's. Because of their popularity, it is not expected that any can be found second-hand."

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HERRESHOFF FLEET UPDATE *(continued)*

Well, the price has gone up considerably since 1921 but the used boat market seems to be little changed---if any reader is interested in joining our merry band, grab a boat whenever they hit the market!

Remember, the Wednesday evening racing is very informal, so drop by around 6:00 pm and we'll find a boat that can take you on as crew. See you all out on the water!

~Woody Chittick

PARTY NOTIFICATION

Over the past few years, the Entertainment Committee has used email to notify members of some of the upcoming social events. For those who receive the email, it's a great means of communication. For those who do not have access to a computer or have changed email addresses, it doesn't work. We want to make sure that all members get the information and are included in all club wide events. We will continue to publish the calendar of social events in the Binnacle, as well as mail invitations for some of the larger, more formal parties. We will also continue to use email so please make sure to update your information in the 2007 Directory and notify us if you have an email change anytime during the season. Thank you for your patience and assistance in keeping everyone in the know.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Please take note that your guests are welcome at most CYC social events, except of course, New Members and Chowder Day. We look forward to seeing some new faces at Cocktails on the Porch.

We look forward to a great kick off to a wonderful season!

~Jennifer Lord & Sally Morton
Entertainment Co-chairs

ANNUAL JULY 4th DINNER DANCE

What could more perfect than a gorgeous summer night in June, dinner under the stars and dancing the night away – not too much. Please join fellow CYC members on Friday, June 29th at the July 4th Dinner Dance. Keep a look out for your invitation in early June and make sure to respond promptly, as seating is limited this year. Start dusting off those dancing shoes.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

We are thrilled to be hosting the first ever CYC Art show at the August cocktail party. Planning has begun and we are starting to spread the word. Whether you have dabbled with a paint brush or have some pieces in hiding, now is the time to show your true talent and inspire others. If you would like to contribute or know someone you think should participate, please contact Cindy Swartwood, Sue Carrabes, or Joanne Chittick. More information and details will follow.

CYC CONTINGENT VISITS THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Last winter, Heidi Bobo organized a spring tropical get-together. In mid-March, several Cohasset Yacht Club families including the Bobos, the Nothnagles and friends, Bev and Dick Nickerson from Newton, the Evans, and the Everetts met up in to Tortola, Bristish Virgin Islands to charter boats. From all reports, everyone had a ball.

How could we not have fun? The wind blew consistently easterly at 15 knots. Any rain that came our way would last about fifteen minutes and would end instantly. The water was 80 degrees, clear, and blue. We could see to the bottom at 25 feet.

The chartered boats were all in the forty foot range and were well found. The gear was, with a few exceptions, good. If anything broke, a boat from base was sent out to fix it. Both mono-hulls and catamarans were available, but the consensus was that mono-hulls were the better performers. Catamarans were a bit like sailing a back porch. But when you made your offing, you *knew* you'd be finding a beautiful new adventure.

We found something different at every island of which there are about 35 major ones within an area of 20 by 35 miles.

Across the Francis Drake Channel and within five miles southwest of Road Town, we moored for the first night in the Bight, Norman Island. First at the Caves, then at the Indians (spikes of rocks jutting out of the water, perhaps fifty feet high), we found underwater treasures: shells, coral, and a snorkeling paradise. Within an hour, Samantha Bobo had the beginnings of a class A shell collection which she carefully tagged and identified, and we all had settled into the island routine by lunchtime.

Then underway to White Bay to south'rd of Peter Island, a roadstead of considerable size with perhaps eight boats. As the cruising guide indicated, a wind funneling over the hills makes for an unsettling anchorage.

The following morning, a short sail took us to Salt Island, where the Admiralty got salt for its ships for two hundred years and where the British mail steamer Rhone sank in a hurricane 1867. The wreck is a fascinating study with her propeller and machinery clearly visible at 15 feet from the surface. Would that we all could have such a beautiful final resting place.

Further east along Drake Channel, there is an island every mile or two: Cooper, Ginger, Fallen Jerusalem, and Virgin Gorda furthest to the east. Virgin Gorda was once the capital of the Islands and is now host to cruise ships, tourists, and the works. A less densely used place is Leverick Bay, and at the east of Gorda sound is the Bitter End with its busy Yacht Club, a junior program that uses catamarans, J24's, etc. Here we got together with the Everett's and their children, Alexander and Claire. They were aboard the family's boat at the Yacht Club. For a day, all the kids had a grand time together bone fishing, snorkeling, and finding sharks in Eustacia Sound. At Gorda's western tip, we all enjoyed the Baths. This is an unusual formation of boulders that makes a pathway of grottos that winds sometimes in the water and sometimes over rocks along a sandy beach. It is well worth seeing, and it is a great tourist attraction which is accessible either by water or overland from the yacht harbor at Spanish Town.

On the sixth day, we made the long (15 mile, not like getting to Maine) trip back to Jost Van Dyke just north of the western tip of Tortola. During this trip, we saw our first flying fish. That evening the Nothnagles and the Bobos went ashore for dinner at a relatively solitary place called Abes at Little Harbor. There we witnessed a cross section of the British Virgin Islands. As we came in, a cigarette boat complete with two partying couples from St. Thomas was just leaving after their dinner. Briefly, there was a roar, then silence. The TV and jukebox were turned off and for one family on this island of 200 souls, life picked up as if we were a thousand miles from civilization and a hundred years into the past.

British Virgin Island's scenery, sunsets, the people ashore, the activities, snorkeling, family treks through not quite familiar island countryside, and the bonding, are all unforgettable. For an experience like the BVI to be introduced in the mad March days of New England was an awakening, the best possible precursor to a New England summer.

~Steve N Bobo