

THE BINNACLE

Spring Has Sprung, April 2007

COMMODORE'S LOG

At this time of year, over the snow in the back yard, I can see through the leafless trees to the Gulph River. On these winter mornings the sun's reflection glistens and twinkles on the surface of the river as if to beckon me back to the water.

As I write, several of our members are plying the waters of the Caribbean in a recent first; the southern Cohasset Yacht Club Cruise. The thought of those azure blue waters warm for swimming and where you can actually see your anchor holding is inspiring for the spring boat preparations soon to be underway. At least two among them are 210 skippers and I wonder if we should consider handicapping them for the benefits of their winter practice.

While waiting for the snow to recede, we prepare the schedules for racing, the parties we will enjoy, the cruise on Maine's coast in August and yes, the ever popular Adult and Junior Sailing Programs. Committees have developed thoughtful plans for our summer fun and we are sure to have another wonderful summer at water's edge. Included in this *Binnacle* are many dates for these activities. Get out your calendars and plan on joining in on all the action.

The planning includes budgets to pay for it all. The Executive Committee has approved the budget for this year. We finished last year in solid shape. The financial review of 2006, now being conducted by outside accountants, will be published in the Club's Annual Book in May. We finished last year with an operating surplus. Credit goes to all who keep a close eye on the expenses and especially to Smudge Gundersen, our hard working Treasurer.

The new Finance Committee has been working on plans to insure the long term financial health of our Club. While this planning takes time, they are making real progress in many areas including planning for our capital needs over time. There is some guess work involved in determining our future needs, but adding a disciplined process to the allocation of capital that comes from our settlement, operating surpluses, initiation fees, etc. will insure that we have the needed monies for repair and replacement of Club facilities and equipment. Thoughtful use of our resources is an important element of the Finance Committee's role in advising/assisting the Executive Committee's decision making.

Finally, many of you have heard that Davenport Crocker has pled guilty to the charge of larceny in the case brought by the Norfolk County District Attorney's office. The sentencing included the requirement that he make full restitution to the Club and used an amount of \$312,000 for the total. Please know that our agreement for restitution totaling \$460,000 as outlined in my December 2005 letter is still fully in place and expected.

Fair Sailing!
-Wisner Murray

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C.Y.C. HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee has been focusing on streamlining C.Y.C. systems, working efficiently with the Harbor Master, and maximizing the use of C.Y.C. facilities. Please read the following regarding different aspects of the Club's operation.

- 1. Boat Registrations:** The House Committee was notified that our Harbormaster now has an online system to verify vessel registrations. Since a comprehensive review of boat registrations by the Harbormaster will likely take place this upcoming summer, we encourage all members who own boats subject to registration to confirm that their registrations are current and accurate. Also, please be sure the registration number displayed matches your documentation. For more information on vessel registration please consult the website maintained by the Registration and Titling Bureau of the Massachusetts Executive Office Of Environmental Affairs: <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle/instructionspage.htm>
- 2. Kayak Space:** Currently the House Committee expects there to be some space on the Kayak racks this summer so if you would like to store a kayak at the club, please contact Jeff Pratt at jeff.pratt@globeunion.com or (781) 383-1387 for more information.
- 3. CYC Dinghy Stickers:** This is new for 2007: All dinghies tied to the club's floats in the designated area or stored on an assigned dock space will be required to have a CYC registration sticker. If you have been assigned and paid for a dinghy space on the dock, please see David Marks at the beginning of the season to receive your sticker. Space is limited and if you would like to place a dinghy on the docks, please contact Jeff Pratt at jeff.pratt@globeunion.com or (781) 383-1387 for more information.
- 4. Lockers:** At present, we do have a number of available (non-porch) lockers. If you are in need of a locker, please contact Mike Westcott at mrwestcott@earthlink.net or (781) 383-2420 for more information. In addition, last season we noticed a number of lockers that went unused all season. If you currently pay for a locker you don't ever use and would like to turn it over to the House Committee for reassignment, we encourage you to contact Mike as noted above.
- 5. New Wait List Procedure for CYC Boat Slips:** A new procedure has been developed to more effectively manage the waitlist for slips in 2007. In the past, the Dockmaster had to call every member on the list whenever a slip became available. This was both cumbersome and unmanageable. Under the new procedure, each spring a form will be mailed to all members on the wait list. Members will be asked to indicate their intentions for accepting a slip if one becomes available (including seasonal space). This method of managing the list will prevent the need for redundant phone calls and requests as slips become available. Our new Dockmaster, David Hill, is pleased to announce that there are three ways to contact him on matters pertaining to boat slips: e-mail at CYCDOCMaster@Yahoo.com, phone (781) 383-2520 or fax (781) 740-2887.

C.Y.C. CRUISING COMMITTEE

SCHEDULES for SUMMER 2007 CRUISING EVENTS

1. SUMMER CRUISE – August 19TH to 25TH

Even after a very successful cruise last year westerly to Narragansett Bay, Maine continues to be our committee's favorite cruising area. There are something like 250 separate bays and harbors to visit so we're unlikely to run into crowds – and if we do, we can head for the next bay around the bend. And, you're never, ever out of sight of land.

So get your sails (and power) ready. The venue for the 2007 Summer Cruise will be the Penobscot area – the week of August 19th (Sunday) to August 25/26th.

Late August is a delightful time in Maine to be on the water - warm, dry days and (generally) gentle winds. Some of the harbors we're considering for a preliminary itinerary and the inevitable parties include: Tenants Harbor/Long Cove, Pulpit Harbor, Bucks Harbor, Center Harbor/Brooklin, Opechee Island, South West Harbor, Isle au Haut, Burnt Coat, Winter Harbor/Seal Bay, and St. George River.

Since it can be a long haul sailing up from Cohasset, many prefer to charter to save stress and time. Most charter companies work out of the Rockland area and now is the time to plan ahead as charters will be in demand and most boats may be taken by April/May. A list of sample charter companies follows:

Johanson Boatworks, Rockland, 207-596-7060, www.jboatworks.com. 15 sail, 30'-45';

North Point Yacht Charters, Rockland, 207-785-2465, www.northpointyachtcharters.com
15 sail, 20'-45';

Bucks Harbor Marine & Charters, So. Brooksville, 201-348-5253, www.bucksharbor.com
5 sail, 3 power;

Hinckley Yacht Charters, Southwest Harbor, 800-492-7245, www.hinckleycharters.com.
14 sail, 1 power.

2. SUMMER OVERNIGHT – Saturday, July 14th

Marblehead is always a fun and interesting harbor to visit and a great place to enjoy the "overnight". Eastern Yacht Club has offered to accommodate us with moorings (subject to availability), their restaurant for dinner if desired, and their pool for the kiddies to enjoy. They also provide launch service to the town docks for those seeking other activities.

3. THE DICKSON CUP – Saturday, July 21st (Waterfront Weekend)

The Dickson Cup is an informal "race" for large and small (H 12 ½s for example) sailboats. Anyone can win. It's not the race but the fun that counts!

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES NEWS

Spring is here which means that summer is not far away! It also means it's time to plan for catching those warm summer breezes in your sail and registering your young sailor in the junior sailing program!

We are very pleased to announce the following coaching roster for the 2007 season. Jessie Guild will be Head Instructor of the junior sailing program this summer. Jessie completed the C.Y.C. sailing program and has been coaching for 5 years: 3 years at Duxbury Yacht Club and 2 years at C.Y.C. She is a junior at Colby College and a member of their sailing team.

Also returning this year as a Senior Instructor is Amanda Faulkner. She is currently teaching in Costa Rica and will be attending Wellesley College in the fall. Jared Dick, a senior at Exeter Academy and Rebecca Evans, a junior at Milton Academy, complete the team of Senior Instructors promoted from the Junior Instructor ranks last year.

Joining us this summer as the 420 Coach is Ben Sampson. Ben is a junior at Dartmouth College where he is Vice Commodore of the Varsity Sailing Team. He is an accomplished racer having competed nationally and internationally and has been a 420 and Opti Coach at Plymouth Yacht Club for 5 years. Also joining the team as a part-time Assistant 420 Coach is Jaci Chase. Jaci is a C.Y.C. junior program alum and has taught at C.Y.C. and Scituate Harbor Yacht Club. She is a sophomore at Notre Dame University where she is a member of the Varsity Sailing Team.

Chris Wilcox, Jack Murphy, Katy Baker and Will Evans will be our Junior Instructors and Abby Faulkner and Polly Murray will be our Interns. These instructors and interns are members of this year's race team; they will help instruct the flag classes throughout the summer.

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic group of instructors and a wonderful bunch of sailors and families. We are confident that this will be a great summer of learning while having a great deal of fun along the way!

Registration letter, forms and schedules have been mailed to each C.Y.C. member. Please complete the registration and medical forms by **April 15th - one form for each sailor** - and mail to: Martha Gangemi, 96 Lenox Street, West Newton, MA 02465

Join us for a great summer of sailing and fun!
~Bet Baker and Sarah Murphy, Co-Chairs

~ Please see the back page for important Junior Activity dates ~

C.Y.C. ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

We thought the best way to whet your appetite for taking adult sailing lessons this summer would be to let you hear from two students, Patrice Keniley and Nancy Oddleifson:

Want to sail but not sure how to get started?

Sailed in your youth but feeling a bit rusty?

Want to sail with your kids but need to catch up to them first?

Know how to crew but don't have tiller experience?

Overwhelmed by the jargon?

Patrice: "If you are nodding your head "yes" to any of these questions, then you are a candidate for Adult Sailing! A great hands-on program, it accommodates and teaches people with a wide range of age and experience. Unlike most sailing programs, you spend most of your time on the water learning by doing with experienced teachers. Learn everything from the jargon to the knots, and how to maneuver in the channels. You will experience sailing in diverse weather conditions, and learn about racing. All at a pace that is comfortable for you! Check it out—classes are held during the day, evenings and weekends. Look for signups in May!"

Nancy: "Prepare to jibe. Steer to windward. Head up. Watch the luff. Trim the main. Not the halyard! Tired of not knowing what is going on? Or, do you just need a little more confidence to chart your own course through the Cohasset waters? The adult sailing program has been tailor-made to decipher the jargon and make sailing in Cohasset fun and safe for novice sailors. As a complete beginner, I was making zero progress learning to sail from my family of captains, and was skeptical that I would be a fit for the CYC adult program. And, I was nervous. The welcoming instructors, fun student partners, and organized lesson plans quickly made my weekly sailing sessions a summer highlight. Gaining skill and confidence, I met the challenge of learning to sail and, as a bonus, made friends with others who loved to be out on the water. I can't imagine a more perfect adult sailing program!"

Registration for summer 2007 will happen in May and our kick-off party will take place in June. Details will follow in the next Binnacle and on the C.Y.C. web site. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact any member of the Adult Sailing Committee: Steve Brown, Tom Callahan, Barb Canney, Woody Chittick, Ken Cook, Lindsey Durant, Sandy Durant, Selene Eymmer, Bernadette Faulkner, Dick Karoff, Patrice Keniley, Betts Murray, Nancy Oddleifson, Kathleen O'Donnell, Judy Tedeschi, and Arthur Young.

C.Y.C. RACE COMMITTEE

We are excited about the prospect of another great year of racing at the CYC. As always the calendar is full starting in June, with the "Bim" Simonds Bowl kicking things off June 16th. This will also be the first race of this year's Bemis series. The Herreshoffs get in the action July 7th. And the always popular Wednesday Night races start this year on the 4th of July. If you are interested in finding out more about sailboat racing come down on Wednesday nights, racing is more relaxed and there is always room for more crew.

The 210 fleet is working to make racing more of a family affair this year. In this effort the 210 Fleet is planning to purchase a grill to keep at the club. This will be the corner-stone of future after race festivities serving up burgers, hot dogs and more to hungry 210ers and their families! (These after racing events will be a *BYOB - Bring Your Own Burger* affair – there should be plenty of room on the grill for other club members as well.)

We are also inviting powerboat skippers to be part of the spectator fleet! Enjoy the day on the water, watch the sailboats race by and maybe even catch a fish or two. Starts and mark roundings are the two best places to watch; if you think boxing out during March madness is intense, check out the action onboard a few 210s in a close mark rounding!

Waterfront weekend is July 21st and racing as always is an important part. The Junior Memorial will be sailed with junior skippers taking the helm of 210's. Right after that the skippers will switch place and compete for the Aloha bowl. Plan your Hawaiian outfit now!

The Herreshoff fleet will be vying for the Sherbrooke single handed trophy this year on August 1st. If you are interested in joining the race plan to book one of the club Bullseyes early.

And for more Herreshoff fleet racing the H 12 ½ and Bullseyes will repeat last year's series with races planned for July 7th, July 21st, August 4th and August 18th. Four weekends of racing should guarantee some great sailing and after sailing camaraderie; the 210 fleet might even loan the grill! And if you like trophies - a beautiful old plate the "Herreshoff Commodore Trophy" has been rededicated as the award for this series.

As always, the conclusion of the racing year will be Chowder Day. This year's event will take place on September 1st. We are doing some fine tuning this year to maximize the fun (and minimize waiting around). The Opti fleets will start later in the day so they will be more likely to finish at the same time as the larger boats. For the larger boats we plan to handicap the larger boats based on the last few years times, should make for some exciting racing and give everyone a chance of being in the race right to the finish line.

We look forward to a great year of racing. We want the whole club to share in the fun and excitement – please let us know if you have any ideas for including more members in racing.

Jay Murphy & George Parks

C.Y.C. ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Memorial Day weekend and the New Member's Party are right around the corner! You'll soon be receiving your invitation to the New Member's Party. This is traditionally one of our largest events of the season and one of a very few to which you must RSVP. Please respond quickly either through the website (www.cohassetyc.org) or via phone so that we can count you in.

We've planned another wide-ranging social schedule for you with events ranging from our popular Cocktails on the Porch (casual Friday evening, winding down into the summer weekend get-togethers) to the Fishing tournament (a hit with both adults and kids), Waterfront Weekend (family oriented cookout and entertainment for all ages), the traditional Fourth of July dinner dance (who knew CYC had private-label wine?), and a surprise or two just to keep you all coming back!

Mark your calendars for these exclusive CYC events!

New Member's Party (RSVP)	May 25
June Cocktails on the Porch	June 8
Fourth of July dinner (RSVP)	June 29
Fishing Tournament	July 14
Waterfront Weekend (RSVP)	July 21
August Cocktails on the Porch	August 10
Labor Day Party (RSVP)	August 31
Chowder Day	September 1
Summer Send off Cocktails	September 22

6th ANNUAL C.Y.C. WINTER PARTY

The 6th Annual Winter Party was held on Saturday, February 10th at the South Shore Arts Center. By all accounts it was a huge success with close to 100 members in attendance. As always, the setting and food were superb, thanks to caterer Laura Atherton and hosts Patsy Dean and Alex & Lucinda Vanderweil. It was a night to reconnect with so many folks who are around the club all summer and then seem to vanish for the winter months. Thanks to our hosts for a memorable evening and steering us through the 6th annual waters.

- Sally Morton and Jennifer Lord
- Entertainment Co-chairs

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE AND IMPORTANT DATES

- **Registration Deadline** ~ Sunday, April 15th.
- **Swim Test** ~ Thursday June 21st, 3:30-5:00pm and Friday June 22nd, 3:30-5:00 pm for Mariners, Whites and new sailors.
- **Opti Clinic / Help With Rigging** ~ Sunday June 24th 4-5 pm at C.Y.C.
- **Orientation / Meet The Instructors** ~ Sunday June 24th 5:00-6:00pm at C.Y.C. Sailor orientation/ice cream party (5:00pm). Parent orientation (5:30pm)
- **Program Begins** ~ Monday, June 25th
- **Program Ends** ~ Friday, August 17th