



## **Sandy Bay Yacht Club Fall 2012 Newsletter**

Happy Fall everyone! As you will read below, the Club had a successful and busy summer. In addition to great racing on Sandy Bay; the social events were a blast and very well attended, Thursday Night Talks were filled to capacity, new member events were full of enthusiasm, and the Sailing Program had another great year under the leadership of Jen Doyle Lambertz. A big thank you to Ron Petoff and his staff for their dedication and hard work this year to make the Club run smoothly.

A special thank you to all who donated to our successful 2012 Capital Campaign and those who volunteered in many ways this summer. It is largely through the generosity of our membership that we are able to undertake necessary capital improvements while keeping dues low.

The Board is already hard at work planning for 2013. We have three new Board members beginning their terms on November 1st; Frank Simmons, Joanne Levin, and Andrew Siergiewicz. All three are eager to get going and contribute to the Club. We are excited that the refurbished Arthur Swanson will be available as a Rhodes 19 racing loaner-boat for the entire 2013 season. Early reports from 2012 were that it was a competitive boat!

I hope everyone has a healthy and happy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

*Story R. Reed  
Commodore*

### **House Committee**

Summer is behind us. Most of our boats are put away for the winter (so many sad faces around the club). Snow birds are migrating south. The club floats are all put away up on Granite Pier. The club fleet is safely stowed away on the dock (Ron has a big smile-job well done Ron!). Fall has arrived and winter is nipping at our toes. I think it safe to say about this summer, a great time was had by all here at Sandy Bay Yacht Club. Hurrah! Huzzah! Yippee!

State of the Club - Overall, the club facilities are in very good shape. This year we accomplished many things that were on our "to-do" list. The large crane was repaired and the completion of the boat wash pad were two of the big projects checked off of the list. There are a couple of projects that we expect will be completed this fall. The locker windows will soon be replaced and repairs to the cupola up top on the roof.

Next year we will have a new list. If you have any ideas on club facilities that you would like to see repaired or updated be sure to let us know. We are hopeful that this winter will be kind to the club!

Ship's store will be open for Holiday shopping: two Saturdays in November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - 11am until 1 pm. Come take advantage of the Sandy Bay gift shop holiday shopping extravaganza! Many items at block buster sales prices! Bring your cash or check books and get in the buying spirit! Pick up those holiday gifts before the season starts. There are many new items in inventory that we received late in the season. Like new men's leather belts (very popular and on demand), ladies flip flops (the ones you've seen so many beautiful ladies wearing around the club!), those popular chart boat bags, wine bags and now smaller ditty bags too (perfect for your travel items and

toiletries!) There are many different warm and cozy fleece jackets and vests (needed now that the weather has turned cold and rainy).

We'll have a fire in the fireplace and be wearing our Holiday happy faces! I hope to see you all there with your Holiday cheer.

Have a great winter and we look forward to seeing you all in spring (if not at the SBYC Holiday shopping spree!) or at the club after the Christmas pageant.

*Earl Meredith*  
*House Committee Chair*

### **Race Committee**

What a wonderful year for club races and my first learning my way around actually running the RC.

I want to thank the Race Committee who helped making this season a success; PRO's Charlie Clark, Frank Hassler, Roger Lesch, Russ Smith, and me. Crew: Dana Jorgenson, Betsy Salas, Scott Hale, Bill Chambers, Jonathan Jorgenson, Nathan Salas, Norma Brettell and JoAnn Lavigne.

Special thanks to Pam Prichard and JoAnn Lavigne for their help with the awards. Wonderful job ladies!!!

As always, Race Committee welcomes new volunteers - we will train anyone willing to make the commitment of time and effort.

Remember, the SBYC Race Committee looks forward to seeing you all out on the water for a fun and safe sailing NEXT season.

*Ed Salas*  
*Race Committee Chair*

### **Social Committee**

Can you believe it's time to write the end of the season social committee report? Where did summer go? But don't fret, the season may be at an end for the year, but the social events are still going strong. We want to take a moment to thank each of you for making this year's social events such a huge success. Your enthusiasm has been contagious and we can't tell you how much we appreciate the attendance, offers of assistance, and words of praise that really should go right back to our members! Each event so far was received with even more excitement than the last and we are still looking forward to what remains this year.

2012 events began with our First Annual Chili Cookoff in March. We were thrilled to have so many people attend and nearly 20 competitors! Then in April, a record number of people attended the Spring Dinner at the Shalin Liu (130 - nearly double the number we've had in past years) which set the stage for the rest of the year. The event was awesome, as confirmed by the many phone calls, emails and visits we received! (Sneak Peak - we plan to hold the 2013 Spring Kickoff at the Shalin Liu too - so if you missed it you will hopefully have another chance!)

The Commodore's reception, as always, was a great way to kick off summer and a good time was had by all. The change in the Fourth of July event from a chowder to a good old fashioned All American Barbeque seemed to be a

welcome change by nearly all. For the few who felt nostalgic about “The Way We Were”, we will be going back to the roots of the chowder and asking members to make their own chowders for our Chowder Cookoff on November 10th. (And we’ll be serving donut, pickle and cheese skewers - memories...!)

We also held an Hors D’oeuvre party, a Denim and Diamonds dinner, our annual Steak and Lobster Dinner, an end of season Cocktail Reception (AWESOME) and the much beloved Italian Dinner - all of which were great fun.

And the holidays would not be the same without ending 2012 at SBYC with the After Pageant Social at the Club on December 22nd. Please plan to bring an hors d’oeuvre to share, and the fire will be roaring and the punch flowing when the pageant concludes. (FYI, the club will be open around 4 p.m. so you can drop off your dish before heading out to see the pageant.)

Thank you so much to all of you for making this year's social events so much fun, and for volunteering to help whenever and wherever help was needed, from decorations and collecting money from attendees, to cooking for and serving the crowd, and yes, doing dishes. We couldn’t do it without you!

We are already planning for 2013 and welcome any and all suggestions for theme events (1960's and 70's?), additional gatherings (Friday evening un"wine"d events - maybe with music?) We're open to most anything, budget permitting.

Thanks for a great season!

*Katy and Steve Fritch*  
*Social Committee Co-Chairs*

### **Membership Committee**

Did you know that...

*In 2012, SBYC has...*

467 Senior A members (30+ years old)  
36 Senior B members (21-29 years old)  
168 Junior members  
For a total of 671 members!

*Our members come from...\**

366 Rockport  
63 Gloucester  
3 Ipswich  
5 Essex  
53 North Shore of Boston  
72 Greater Boston area  
88 Massachusetts  
98 Out of state  
8 Out of country

\*members are only listed once

*We go to sea in...*

13 Bullseyes  
14 Flying Scots  
10 Stars  
16 Rhodes 19  
26 Cruising boats  
6 Daysailors  
5 Lasers  
24 Power boats  
10 Skiffs

Did you know that the Membership committee is interested in your ideas? Don't be shy, let us know at :

*Suzanne Gosselin*

*Membership Committee Chair*

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### **Treasurer's Report**

In the spring we reported that the club finances were in excellent shape and improving and we that we had a solid financial foundation for the coming year.

The forecast has been borne out during the operating year. As of October 15 there was \$86,189.40 in the Operating account, \$29,342.17 in the Capital Projects account, \$1,206.63 in our Reserve account and \$54,674.34 in the Vanguard money market account for a total of \$182,269.54. In addition, there is \$3,262.60 in the Jr. Yacht Club checking account. Revenues in the operating fund to date total \$254,064, 1.0% above expectations.. Expenses to date (\$223,428.82) are running 2.1% above expectations, and initial year-end estimates will leave us 0.7 % above budget..

The Capital Fund Drive has raised \$30,700.00 to date. Given its success, we have made a number of expenditures for capital items to improve the clubhouse, the lockers and our major equipment.

In all, we should have a small surplus to add to our substantial reserves. The club finances are in excellent shape.

*Frank Hassler*

*Treasurer*

### **Sailing Program**

I am happy to announce that both our 2012 Program Directors will return in 2013 to lead the Junior and Adult Sailing Programs. Jen Doyle Lambertz has signed on for her 7<sup>th</sup> summer with the Jr. Sailing Program. Skip Montello, a veteran instructor of 17 years, served as our Program Director in the Adult Program last summer and will continue to develop and grow the program in that capacity next summer. The entire Board of the SSP is thrilled to have Jen and Skip at the helm for 2013.

During the off-season, I will be reconvening the SSP Advisory Committee in order to support Jen and Skip with planning for next summer. In the Junior Program, we'll be focused on staffing for 2013, as well as considering

ways to boost second session (August) enrollment. The Adult Program is considering reintroducing a racing curriculum and expanding learn-to-sail instruction in dinghies.

*Greg Wilkinson*  
*SSP/SBYC Board Liaison*

### **Alumni Regatta**



**Participants in the 2012 Alumni Regatta**

On August 25th, SBYC hosted the first annual Alumni 420 Regatta. With ideal late August sailing conditions, the race committee, Story Reed and Jen Doyle, ran five competitive races. A total of 14 alumni sailors participated in the regatta. The regatta featured former and current Sailing Instructors as well former 420 race team members. Jake Fiumara and Eli Slater came out on top and took home the coveted title. The regatta culminated with a barbeque for

sailors and their friends and families. Plans are in the works to hold the regatta earlier next summer in the hopes of building 420 competitive enthusiasm and attracting former instructors and junior members back into the Club.

*Alex Levin*  
*Sailing Instructor*

### **Fleet Captain**

The sailing season proved to be another exciting year. At times we experienced a lack of wind but the days we had wind were exciting and fun to be racing on picturesque Sandy Bay.

For the first time in 3 years we actually didn't have to initiate the Hurricane/Storm policy which was a relief. The Sunday Socials proved to be fun as always and the end of the season social was truly fantastic with beautiful weather and great company. I thank everyone who contributed their special dishes for the event.

We brought back the Conrad Lavigne award for outstanding new crew which I thought was exciting. Earl Kishida was this year's recipient. Congratulations Earl.

As Your Fleet Captain I wanted to say it has been a pleasure serving you all for the past 2 years and I have enjoyed meeting new members as well as re-establishing old acquaintances. This yacht club is a very special place to me. My parents have been members for many decades and have been true fixtures at the club. As a matter of fact my mother was a member for 75 years. Her father, my grandfather Vic Wilson was close friends with Arthur Swanson. They used to play cards inside the club for years. I hope everyone can continue to enjoy this special place for years to come.

*Bruce Engel*  
*SBYC Fleet Captain*

Personal:

Sailing Instructor in the early 70's

Launch operator in the mid 70's

Raced/sailed: Lasers, Hobie Cats, Bulleyes, Flying Terns, Fish Boats, Flying Scots, Turnabouts, Stars, Fireflies, I-Boats.

### **Development**

We made it! Thanks to you all we have had 118 donations from individuals and couples including the very generous \$10,000 two-for-one match to the 2012 Capital Campaign. We went over the top scoring \$31,125 with more still to come. Our appreciation for the encouraging support of The Thursday Talks and thanks to the intrepid speakers and generous hosts and helpers. After six years I hope we have a lasting tradition. Since I am leaving the Board at the conclusion of two terms I will not comment on future Development or Talk plans, but look forward to a great year ahead under Story's leadership.

*Liz Kubik*  
*Development*