

The Horse Shoe Crab

April 8, 2014

Motto: Of Crabs, By Crabs, For Crabs

Greetings from Commodore Batchelder

The 83rd season of Stage Harbor Yacht Club opens in just over ten weeks, and we are looking forward to a fantastic summer. The Board, along with Trude Goodman, our Program Director, has been hard at work this off-season planning the calendar for the season. The full calendar, which we normally finalize in May, is available now, and we hope that the early release will prove helpful to families planning for the summer. As you can see by clicking the link below, we have added several new events (highlighted below), while keeping the core of our schedule intact.

Staff Preview

I am pleased to report that in addition to Trude, who will be returning for her 19th season on the staff, our Head Instructor, Jane Frye, and Head Steward, Ben Patten, will also be returning to the staff this summer. Joining them on the Senior Staff will be Colleen Cassidy, who has been promoted to Race Team Coordinator (and who will also serve as Assistant Head Opti Coach). On the coaching side, we are very fortunate to have Ian Barrows, our Head 420 Coach, return for another season. Ian is a member of Yale's Varsity Sailing Team, which is ranked #1 in the country. Joining Ian will be Mackenzie Cooper from Bermuda, who will be Assistant 420 Coach, and Alec Tayler from the U.S. Virgin Islands, who will be the Head Opti Coach. Mackenzie and Alec sail for St. Mary's and Fordham, respectively, and both teams are ranked in the top 15 in the country. We would also like to welcome Sarah deSilva, a former instructor at Chatham Yacht Club, who will be joining our ranks as an instructor this summer. We have included bios of our entire staff below. As you can see, they are a very talented group, and we could not have a better team in place to teach and coach our Sailing School students this summer. We will be sending a separate email next month with instructions as to how to register for Sailing School classes and race teams.



Ian Barrows and fellow freshman Meredith Megarry sailing for top ranked Yale Bulldogs

Commodore C. John Lindegren, Jr.

Finally, as we look forward to our new season, we take a moment to celebrate the life of C. John Lindegren, Jr., who passed away on April 2 at age 97. John served as the Club's 19th Commodore in 1975 and 1976, and he and his wife Cis, who predeceased him, were members and neighbors of the Club for nearly 50 years. Commodore Lindegren promoted adult participation in Club activities during his tenure as Commodore (including adding a popular Senior Series on Sunday mornings), and led by example, always lending a hand and a good word to everyone he met. Commodore Lindegren was a veteran of World War II, and was buried with full military honors. On behalf of the entire Club, I extend our deepest sympathies to his children, Cindy, Deb, Jane, Joan, and Carl, each of whom carried on their father and mother's love for the Club and its traditions.



John Lindegren receiving Commodore's Jacket, Annual Meeting, 1974

2014 Calendar

Please click on the link below for a look at this year's Calendar. The Sailing School class schedule remains unchanged from last year, with the exception of the Adults class (more on that below). We have made some changes to the Sunday Series and Workman Series, added more Informal Opti Races, and introduced several new events, which we hope will prove popular with members.

[2014 SHYC Calendar](#)

Sunday Series

The Club has sponsored races in various one-design classes on Sundays in Nantucket Sound since 1934. In recent years, with the increase in the number of away regattas, and limited opportunities for families to spend time together on the weekends, participation in the Sunday Series has declined. The Board formed a working group to address this issue, and came up with the following changes, which the full Board approved. With two exceptions, the Sunday Series will be held in the mornings, with races inside the harbor every other Sunday on the high tide. No race will start after 1200, which will give racers time to spend afternoons with their friends and family on the beach or elsewhere. To encourage racers to get to the starting line on time, there will be a 0930 harbor start (inside races will start at 1000, and outside races at 1030). The two exceptions to morning races will be on July 6 and August 10, the dates of our annual Fourth of July Day Sailer Regatta and Commodore's Cup Regatta, when all classes will race outside in the afternoon, followed by a tea. We will also have our traditional tea before the Opening Meeting, and a special tea on July 13 for Senior Members.

Workman Series

When the Workman Series was started in 1964, it was designed as an opportunity for staff

members to race one day a week after work. While open to all, for 22 out of the first 24 years, the Workman Series was won by an active member of the staff, including five times by outside instructors (and twice by Chief, sailing with Charlie Loutrel). In an effort to jump start the Series, which was renamed the Sean M. Carlson Workman Series in 1986, and get back to its roots, the Board has decided that it will be held in 420s this year, and scheduled on dates that will enable staff - including our four outside instructors and coaches - to participate. To add to the fun, highlights of the races will be videotaped, and a cookout will be held at the Club after the races. We hope members will come and watch the races (another longstanding Club tradition), and join in the fun.

Parents' Meetings

We have expanded the number of parents' meetings and coffees this year to seven, three each at the beginning of each session for each class, as well as a meeting for all parents and racers on Sunday, June 22. The latter meeting will include a hot breakfast, and will be a wonderful kickoff to the racing season.

Junior Member Events

We had a terrific Junior Member event at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts on February 8. Junior Members and their guests enjoyed playing Paddle Tennis, having dinner inside the Paddle Hut, and cooking S'mores by the fire. Special thanks to Richard & Peggy Batchelder for hosting, and to Katherine Schock for organizing.



The next Junior Member event will be a cookout at the Clubhouse over Memorial Day Weekend. Stay tuned for further details.

During the summer, there will be a Junior Member Cookout at the Clubhouse on July 5 at 2000, and all Junior Members will be encouraged to participate in all of the activities during the weekend of the Commodore's Ball, including the Blue Water Race and Commodore's Cup.

Adult Instruction and Sailing

The Club has offered adult instruction since 1964, initially under the title, "Mothers' Sailing School," and 25 Ladies enrolled. For many years the class, which became affectionately known as "Mothers and Others," was very popular with members. In order to improve turnout in Adult class, the Board has decided to combine the class with the Adult Fun Sails, which are offered free of charge every Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The Fun Sails will begin with 30 minutes of instruction led by our Head Instructor, Jane Frye, followed by a 90-minute sail in our Club Day Sailers, which were refurbished this fall by Kent Richardson. The instruction will be free of charge (as will the fun sails), and hopefully help increase adult participation in sailing at the Club.

Speaker Series

Under the leadership of Board member Sara Wilson, the Club will have a Speaker Series this summer, aptly named "Claws and Jaws." The Series will include a talk and lobster tasting by members of Chatham's lobster fleet on July 8, and an evening with shark expert Dr. Greg Skomal on August 14. Please mark your calendars to attend these fun and informative evenings!

WECAN Fundraiser

As previously announced, we will be co-hosting a fundraiser with Chatham Yacht Club and Monomoy Yacht Club on July 18 at Wequassett Inn to raise funds for WECAN. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Mid-season Cookout

We will have our first ever "mid-season" cookout on July 20, to mark the end of the first session and the beginning of second session. Stay tuned for more details about this event, which will be held at the Club. Special thanks to Vice Commodore Lisa Patten for this terrific new idea.

Junior Entertainment

We have some exciting new events planned for Junior Entertainment that will be added to the Calendar once they are finalized. They will even include a shark dissection!

2014 Staff Biographies

Trude Goodman: Program Director (New York, NY): Trude returns to SHYC for her 19th season on the staff. Her first teaching role was as a volunteer in the summer of 1995. Today, Trude serves as a humanities teacher and Class 5 Supervisor at the Chapin School in New York City. In addition to sailing, Trude enjoys volunteering and several other sports that begin with the letter "s."

Jane Frye: Head Instructor (Wenham, MA): Jane returns to SHYC for her 8th summer. She started working at SHYC as a volunteer the summer of 2006. Jane will graduate this spring from the University of Colorado Boulder with a BA in Communications and Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences. In addition to sailing, Jane enjoys hiking and skiing in the mountains of Colorado.

Ben Patten: Head Steward (Bedford, NH): Ben returns to SHYC for his 10th summer and second as Head Steward. Ben is a Jazz Vocal Performance major at the University of Vermont. Other activities Ben enjoys are fishing, snowboarding, and caring for his Beagle named Gunnar.

Colleen Cassidy: Race Team Coordinator and Assistant Head Optimist Coach (Scotch Plains, NJ): Colleen is extremely excited to be returning to SHYC for her 8th summer. Colleen is a junior at Providence College, majoring in biology. Colleen is a member of the Sailing Team at PC, and is serving as Vice Commodore this year. In addition to sailing, Colleen is an avid skier, golfer, and tennis player.

Ian Barrows: Head 420 Coach (St. Thomas, USVI): Ian is a graduate of Antilles School in St. Thomas, and is a freshman at Yale, where he is on the Varsity Sailing Team. Ian is looking forward to another season at SHYC as Head 420 Coach. His very first teaching role was teaching Optis at St. Thomas Yacht Club. In addition to sailing, Ian enjoys playing basketball, soccer, and tennis, as well as fishing.

Alec Tayler: Head Opti Coach (St. Thomas, USVI): Alec is a new staff member who will serve as Head Opti Coach this summer. He began sailing at the age of six in Optis at St. Thomas Yacht Club. Alec is a freshman at Fordham, where he is on the Varsity Sailing Team. He plans to obtain a degree in economics with a business minor. When not competing, Alec enjoys surfing and spearfishing.

Mackenzie Cooper: Assistant 420 Coach (Southampton, Bermuda): Mackenzie will be joining the staff this summer after spending his freshman year at St. Mary's College of Maryland, where he is a member of the Varsity Sailing Team. Mackenzie grew up sailing in Bermuda, and taught at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club the past two summers. Mackenzie is a graduate of Tabor Academy, where he was Captain of the Varsity Sailing Team.

Henry Deadrick: Senior Instructor (Dover, MA): This will be Henry's 7th season on the staff at SHYC. Henry is a senior at Lynchburg College, and will be doing [complete] during first session, and rejoining the staff for second session. When not teaching sailing,

Henry enjoys a wide range of activities and spending time with family and friends.

Andrew Goodman: Senior Instructor (Dallas, TX): Andrew returns to SHYC for his 4th summer and first as a Senior Instructor. Andrew is a freshman at George Washington University where he is majoring in Mechanical Engineering with an Aerospace Concentration. In addition to Laser sailing, Andrew is an avid sports photographer.

Teddy Batchelder: Instructor (Boston, MA): Teddy returns to SHYC for his 4th summer on the staff. Teddy is a Fourth Former at Westminster School in Simsbury, Connecticut, where he enjoys playing football and lacrosse. This summer, in addition to teaching and racing, Teddy will be a member of the Laxachusetts lacrosse team.

Doug Cassidy: Instructor (Scotch Plains, NJ): Doug returns to SHYC for his 4th summer on the staff. Doug is a senior in high school, and will be enrolling at Providence College in the fall. In addition to sailing, Doug is a certified EMT and enjoys playing golf in his free time.

Sarah deSilva: Instructor (Kansas City, MO): Sarah will graduate from The Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City, Missouri this spring. This will be Sarah's first summer on the staff at SHYC, but she has spent the past four summers teaching at Chatham Yacht Club. Sarah sailed on the Varsity Sailing Team at Tabor Academy her junior year (with Mackenzie Cooper and Kelsey Shakin), and is a former member of the Opti National Team. Sarah has been summering in Chatham since she was three months old, and can't imagine a summer spent anywhere else!

Kelsey Shakin: Instructor (Boston, MA): Kelsey is returning for her 4th summer on the SHYC staff. She is a junior at Tabor Academy and a member of the Varsity Sailing Team.

Lucia Zerbino: Instructor (Montevideo, Uruguay): Lucia is in her 5th year of high school at The British Schools of Montevideo, Uruguay. She has sailed at the Club her whole life and her first teaching job was as an Instructor-in-Training in 2011. Lucia enjoys sailing and running, as well as playing guitar and singing in her spare time.

Cortie Gensler: Instructor (Winchester, MA): Cortie is a graduate of The Fessenden School, and is a freshman at St. George's School in Middletown, Rhode Island. In addition to sailing, Cortie enjoys playing golf and hanging out with his friends.

George Lewis: Instructor (Tampa, FL): George has been sailing at the Club since he was nine years old, and has been a member of the staff the past two seasons. George will graduate from Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Florida this spring, and attend Southern Methodist University in the fall. He enjoys lacrosse and golf in addition to sailing.

Geoff Owens: Instructor and Steward (Boston, MA): Geoff is a senior at Milton Academy, where he is a member of the Varsity Sailing Team. He will spend time this summer both as

an Instructor and Steward.

Grace Patten: Instructor (Bedford, NH): Grace is a junior at Derryfield School in Manchester, New Hampshire. Grace enjoys horseback riding and is looking forward to her third year on the staff at SHYC.

Trevor Ritchie: Instructor (Southborough, MA): Trevor is a junior at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, where he is a member of the Varsity Soccer Team. Trevor is actively involved in the charity Kids Gear, which provides baseball equipment to underprivileged kids. He will be returning for his third year on the staff.

Maggie Royal: Instructor (Lincoln, MA): Maggie is a sophomore at Proctor Academy in Andover, New Hampshire. This will be her third summer on the staff. In addition to sailing, Maggie also plays field hockey, ice hockey, and lacrosse.

Megan Sullivan: Instructor (Houston, TX): Megan returns to SHYC for her third summer on the staff. Today, Megan is preparing to go off to college at either Johns Hopkins University or the University of Miami. In addition to sailing, Megan enjoys acting, directing, and going to the theatre.

Amelia Tavarnesi: Instructor (Westport, CT): Amelia returns for her second summer working at SHYC. She is a junior at Staples High School. She currently runs Cross Country in the fall, and Track and Field in the winter and spring. Amelia enjoys cooking in the Staples Culinary Club as the Vice President, where they serve food for the local homeless shelter.

Theo Bartlett: Junior Instructor (Rye, NY): Theo returns to SHYC for his second summer on the staff. He was a volunteer in the summer of 2012. Theo is a freshman at St. Mark's School in Southborough, Massachusetts. At St. Mark's, Theo runs cross country, plays hockey, and rows crew.

Will Batchelder: Junior Instructor (Boston, MA): Will returns to SHYC for his second summer on the staff. He is very excited to work with the students in Sailing School and participate on the Advanced 420 Race Team. Will is a Third Former at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. Other than sailing, Will enjoys skiing, playing lacrosse, and running cross country.

Lawson Lewis: Junior instructor (Tampa, FL): Lawson is returning for his second year working at SHYC. His first role was as a volunteer in the summer of 2012. He is a sophomore at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Florida, and enjoys playing lacrosse and golf in his free time.

Parker Loftus: Junior Instructor (Deerfield, MA): Parker is a sophomore at Tabor Academy, where he is a member of the Varsity Sailing Team. He is a former member of the Opti National Team, and will be in his second season on the staff at SHYC.

Olivia Zerbino: Junior Instructor (Montevideo, Uruguay): Olivia attends The British Schools in Montevideo, Uruguay, where her favorite subjects are History, Literature and Art. She loves skating, playing field hockey, running and horse riding. She also enjoys drawing, and looks forward to spending time in Chatham each summer.

Jake Cummings: Instructor-in-Training (Providence, RI): This is Jake's first year as a member of the staff at SHYC, having spent last summer as a volunteer. Jake has been a member of the Club since 2006. He is a freshman at Moses Brown in Providence, Rhode Island. Outside of sailing, Jake enjoys playing football, hockey and baseball.

Allison Krauss: Instructor-in-Training (Belmont, MA): Ally has sailed at SHYC since 2007 and is excited for her first year as an instructor. Ally is a sophomore at Belmont High School, where she runs indoor and outdoor track

Dawson Ritchie: Instructor-in-Training (Southborough, MA): Dawson is a freshman at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, where he plays lacrosse and rows crew. Dawson also plays club lacrosse for NESLL. With his brother Trevor, Dawson is also involved in volunteering for Kids Gear.

Alexandra Rooney: Instructor-in-Training (Milton, MA): Alexandra has been sailing at SHYC since she was 8 years old, as a Seaman. She volunteered last summer and this summer will be her first summer teaching. Alexandra attends Thayer Academy in Braintree, and enjoys sailing, lacrosse, basketball, and staying active.

Jack Shakin: Instructor-in-Training (Boston, MA): Jack is working as an instructor for the first time, after volunteering last summer. He is a freshman at Tabor Academy, where he plays football, wrestles, and is on the crew team.

Maggie McCarthy: Administrative Assistant (Norwell, MA): Maggie is a junior at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Massachusetts, where she is on the dance and track teams. She enjoyed trips to Washington, DC and New York City this year, and is looking forward to returning to the Club for her second season on the staff.

Clay Deadrick: Assistant Head Steward (Dover, MA): Clay is a freshman in college and looking forward to his 6th summer on the staff.

Jack Casady: Steward (Boston, MA): Jack returns to SHYC for his 4th summer on the staff, and is very excited to be get back to doing what he loves -- fixing boats! Jack is a junior at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Massachusetts. He can't wait to make this summer the best at SHYC.

Pete King: Steward (Chatham, MA): Pete is a junior at the University of New Hampshire, studying Geography. This will be his second season working at SHYC, but he grew up sailing and racing at the Club. Pete is an avid snowboarder in the winter.

Matt Lacey: Steward (Lexington, MA): Matt is a post-graduate student at Brewster Academy, and will be attending Bryant University in the fall. He is looking forward to his fourth season on the staff.

Andrew Kettle, Steward-in-Training (Weston, MA): This is Andrew's first year working at SHYC, but he has been sailing at the Club since 2008. He is a freshman at Weston High School where he plays football, basketball and lacrosse. He is also a regular volunteer for Special Olympics teams and events.

Sam Royal: Steward-in-Training (Lincoln, MA): Sam has been sailing with SHYC since 2006. This is his first year working at the Club. He will be a freshman at Proctor Academy this fall. In addition to sailing, Sam enjoys playing soccer, basketball and lacrosse, and his favorite food is pickles!

Other Off-Season News

Dredging of Cut-through

The cut-through was made in 1965 (original photo below), and since then has provided access from Stage Harbor to Nantucket Sound to generations of boaters. The federal government is supposed to maintain the depth of the channel at 10 feet, but funding for dredging has been in short supply, and current depths at low tide are five feet in some places. Fortunately, the Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to dredge the channel this week, so look for improvement this summer.



Repairs to Chief's Pier

Chief's Pier is the Club's principal asset, and the Club last repaired it in 2000. Club member Mark Simonitsch, who is Stage Harbor Enterprises, LLC's Property Manager down on the

waterfront, has consulted with several engineers who recommend some repair work to be done on the pier, which will be completed this spring. We will be able to pay for this work, which is estimated to cost approximately \$15,000, out of our budget for this year. Special thanks to Mark, along with our Buildings & Grounds co-chairs, former Commodore Tom King and Sailing Master Drew Carlson, for their work on our property during the off-season. Long live Chief's Pier!



Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year Nominee

Congratulations to Heather Gregg Earl, past President of our Sailing School, who was one of only six women nominated for Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year, one of the most prestigious awards in all of sailing. Heather was the winner of the first J70 North American Championship, and sailed in several different one-designs throughout the year. Kudos to Heather on this great honor!

Winter Olympics

In case you thought all horseshoe crabs hibernate in the winter, Christopher Loftus, together with Ben Patten and Thatcher Hoyt, traveled to Sochi, Russia with NBC for the Winter Olympics. Thanks, Christopher, for sharing this great photo.



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Well, that's all for now. Stay tuned for future editions of The Horse Shoe Crab for additional news about upcoming events at the Club. In the meantime, enjoy spring!

Richard D. Batchelder, Jr., Commodore
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Matt Evans, Rear Commodore