

The Horse Shoe Crab

August 8, 2013

Motto: Of Crabs, By Crabs, For Crabs

Greetings from Commodore Batchelder

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and getting plenty of time out on the water. The weather certainly has cooperated, and the Club is going strong. Peggy and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Commodore's Ball this Saturday!

50th Anniversary Luau

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our 50th Anniversary Luau, and SHYC families filled the entire length of "Luau Beach." John Forger once again was our Luau impresario (big thank you!), and a good time was had by all. Tug-of-War made a re-appearance after many years, highlighted by a death match struggle between current and former staff.



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The current staff won, but there is always next year!

Sailing School

We have over 200 kids in Sailing School this summer, and they are getting excellent instruction and learning a great deal. Today the Old Mates & Skippers sailed on *Tyrone*, and the Mates headed out in Sprites, which are still going strong 54 years after being introduced to the Sailing School! Thanks to Trude Goodman and all the staff for a great summer!



CJ Buckley Regatta

SHYC sent a team for the first time to the CJ Buckley Regatta, which is held in memory of CJ Buckley who passed away in 2002 from brain cancer. The regatta is hosted by East Greenwich Yacht Club and Greenwich Bay Sailing Association, and is the national 420

junior team racing championship.

36 teams from all over the country participated, and SHYC finished third in the Silver Fleet (the second highest fleet), with a 13-12 won loss record. Congratulations to our team of Ian Barrows, Doug Cassidy, Parker Loftus, skippers, and Teddy Batchelder, Will Batchelder, Olivia Gonzalez, Geoff Owens, and Megan Sullivan, crew. Special thanks to Barbara Fazzano (Teddy and Will's grandmother) for hosting the team in East Greenwich, Rhode Island during the regatta.



Ian Barrows, Geoff Owens, Doug Cassidy, Parker Loftus, Olivia Gonzalez, and Megan Sullivan

For complete results, click here.

<http://www.cjbuckleyregatta.net/documents/2013/2013results.pdf>

Chatham Regatta

47 SHYC sailors participated in the Chatham Regatta this past weekend, and performed very well. Getting 23 Optis, 11 420s, and one Day Sailer over to CYC is no small task, and special thanks go to the many parent volunteers who helped make our strong participation possible. We could not do it without you!

In the Opti Class, it was a SHYC sweep, with our sailors winning the Green, White, Blue, and Red fleets, plus finishing 1, 2, and 5 overall. Congratulations to all 13 sailors in the Championship Fleet, led by Hayden Earl (1st white and 1st overall), Alex Gonzalez (1st blue and 2nd overall), and Jack Evans (1st red and 5th overall). We had 10 boats in Green Fleet, with Ava Macchia in first, and Annie Lubin in fifth.



Girls Rule!

In the 420 class, we sent 11 boats (a record for us), many of whom were participating in their very first regatta. Combined with the three 420s we sent to the Buzzards Bay Regatta that same weekend, we had 14 boats and 28 sailors racing 420s last weekend!

Congratulations to all of our 420 sailors, with special kudos to Cortie Gensler and George Lewis for finishing 10th, Theo Bartlett and Andrew Kettle for finishing 17th, and Zoe Carlson and Amelia Tavarnesi for finishing 20th.

In the Day Sailer class, Richard Batchelder and Chris Ritchie finished third. At the Awards Ceremony, Commodore Batchelder thanked Chatham Yacht Club for hosting the regatta, and presented Commodore Natalie Coleman-Fuller with a framed original map of Pleasant Bay from 1902 as a gift from SHYC to CYC on the occasion of the opening of their new Clubhouse.



For complete results, click here.

http://www.chatham-yacht-club.org/Chatham_Yacht_Club/Regatta_Results.html

Junior Entertainment

We have had a great schedule of Junior Entertainment events all summer, including a dance at the Beach Club attended by both CBTC and SHYC members this past Monday. The kids got to practice their dance moves for the Commodore's Ball and it was a great joint event. The Club's ties with the Beach Club go all the way back to our founding, as Helen Yeaw was a founding member of both Clubs, and both Clubhouses were designed by Edward Sears Read.

Buzzards Bay Regatta

BBR is the largest and most competitive 420 regatta in the country, and we sent three boats (Jake Cummings and Geoff Owens, Parker Loftus and Teddy Batchelder, Kelsey Shakin and Olivia Gonzalez). Parker and Teddy finished 46th out of 155 boats (and fifth among boats from SMSA). Special thanks to the Cummings family for hosting our sailors during the regatta at their home in Providence.

Senior Luncheon

We had our annual Senior Luncheon on August 7, and 51 Senior Members attended! A delicious lunch was served, and members enjoyed reminiscing about the past, celebrating the present, and making plans for the future! Special thanks to Lynne Roe and her team for organizing this event, and to the Intermediate 420 Race Team members for serving as

waiters!





Upcoming Events

Henry T. Woodland Blue Water Race

Tiggy Woodland was a distinguished member of Stage Harbor Yacht Club and on the Club's 1946 Sears Cup championship team. Our annual "Blue Water" race is named after him, and will be held **this Saturday**, August 10, at 1200 noon. All big boats are welcome to participate, and we have a number of Junior members who are interested in crewing on the boats. Please contact Bob Samuelson (rjsamuelson@me.com) or Kevin Cassidy (kcassidy21@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate.

Commodore's Ball

If you have not yet rsvp'd, please send in your rsvp to batchelderfamily@verizon.net. We already have over 200 members signed up, so join the party! See you on Saturday!

Commodore's Cup and Past Commodore's Tea

Our last Sunday races of the year are this Sunday, August 11, and we will be awarding the Commodore's Cup in the Day Sailer class. Following the races, we will have our annual Past Commodore's Tea, so please make every effort to race and then join us for the tea.

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will be on Friday, August 16 at 1300. Please join us for this fun event!

Hovey Cup

The Hovey Cup and the Junior Hovey Cup will be on Saturday, August 17. Please register at the Club if you are interested in participating in this single-handed event.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Awards will be held on Sunday, August 18. We will vote on by-laws changes and elect officers for next year, plus hand out a lot of silver! Speaking of silver, if you have not yet returned your trophies from last summer - all polished - please do so as soon as possible. Thanks! For a copy of the Slate as submitted by the Nominating Committee, please click [here](#).

Final Thought

The America's Cup will be held in San Francisco next month, but Oracle has been out practicing, as captured in this image from our longtime member Nancy Enck Simonitsch. Thanks, Nancy for sharing!



Best regards,
Richard D. Batchelder, Jr., Commodore
Elizabeth C. Patten, Vice Commodore
Matt Evans, Rear Commodore
Trude Goodman, Program Director