

The Horse Shoe Crab

November 27, 2013

Motto: Of Crabs, By Crabs, For Crabs

Thanksgiving Greetings from Commodore Batchelder

150 years ago this year, President Abraham Lincoln issued a Proclamation, inviting his fellow citizens to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise. 50 years ago this month, President John F. Kennedy gave what would be his last Thanksgiving Proclamation. In it, he reminded all Americans of our rich heritage, and encouraged us to live up to the ideals of our forefathers:

Today we give our thanks, most of all, for the ideals of honor and faith we inherit from our forefathers -- for the decency of purpose, steadfastness of resolve and strength of will, for the courage and the humility, which they possessed and which we must seek every day to emulate. As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.



At this Thanksgiving, we can look back on the year that is drawing towards its close at Stage Harbor Yacht Club, and be thankful for our many blessings. As we look forward to 2014 and our 83rd season, I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving, and hope to see many of you at our **annual Thanksgiving gathering at the Club this Saturday, from 1600 to 1730.**

Thanks to Volunteers

Since our founding in 1932, SHYC has relied on volunteers to keep the Club going. This past season was no exception, and the Flag Officers would like to use this opportunity to thank our many volunteers.

SHYC Board of Directors (in addition to Flag Officers): Chris Ritchie (Treasurer); Regina Shakin (Secretary); Kristin Loftus, Doug Landy, Doug Whitla, Drew Carlson, Stephen Daniel, Heather Earl

SHSS Board of Directors (in addition to Flag Officers): Heather Earl (President), Chris Ritchie (Treasurer), Sonja Bartlett (Clerk), Kevin Cassidy, Bill Driscoll, Doug Gensler, Liz Potter, Drew Carlson, Stephen Daniel

Fleet Captains: Kristin Loftus and Regina Shakin (420); Allan Royal and Armando Gonzalez (Opti); Sonja Bartlett (O'Pen Bic); Bob Samuelson (Offshore)

Admissions & Membership Committee: Joanne Goodman (Chair)

Nominating Committee: Bob Lewis (Chair), Bob Bainbridge, Jill Brunstad, Stuart Deadrick, Stephen Daniel

Race Committee: Stuart Deadrick and Doug Landy (co-chairs)

4th of July Float: Phil Doyle and Betsy Ash (co-chairs)

All Member Cocktail Party: Jeanne Krauss

SHSS Silent Auction: Kathy Landy and Amy McCarthy (co-chairs)

Ladies Fashion Show: Sarah Wilsterman

50th Annual Luau: John Forger

Senior Luncheon: Lynne Roe

Past Commodores' Tea: Peggy Batchelder

Merchandise: Johanna McLoughlin Cahoon, Heidi Driscoll, and Anne Flvnn (co-chairs)

Race Patrol: Allan Royal

Sunday Tea: Lisa Edge and Pat Tarnow (co-chairs)

Buildings and Grounds: Drew Carlson and Tom King (co-chairs)

Technology: Emma Rozantes

Scholarship Committee: Martha Batchelder and Lynne O'Brien (co-chairs)

Thanks to Staff

We had a terrific staff this past summer, ably led by Trude Goodman in her 18th year on the staff and first as Program Director. I am pleased to report that Trude will be returning next summer, along with nearly all of our senior staff from last year: Jane Frye, Head Instructor, Ben Patten, Head Steward, Ian Barrows, Head 420 Coach, and Colleen Cassidy, who has been promoted to Race Team Coordinator. Stay tuned for future newsletters for more staff announcements. Thanks to all of our 2013 staff!

Trude Goodman, Jane Frye, Greg Cassidy, Ben Patten, Ian Barrows, Tommy Bisi, Colleen Cassidy, Henry Deadrick, Randy Doyle, Bobby Lewis, Teddy Batchelder, Doug Cassidy, Andrew Goodman, Kelsey Shakin, Lucia Zerbino, Cortie Gensler, George Lewis, Grace Patten, Trevor Ritchie, Maggie Royal, Megan Sullivan, Amelia Tavarnesi, Theo Bartlett, Will Batchelder, Lawson Lewis, Parker Loftus, Olivia Zerbino, Clay Deadrick, Jack Casady, Pete King, Matt Lacey, Geoff Owens, and Margaret McCarthy

Thanks to Scholarship Students and Their Families

Last year was the 30th year Stage Harbor Yacht Club has offered scholarships to residents of the Town of Chatham to attend Sailing School free of charge. We received the following note from the parent of one of our scholarship students, which I wanted to share with all of our members.

My daughter would very much like to return to Sailing School next summer. In general, this has been the most positive summer experience hands down of all she has participated in over the past years. We cannot thank you enough for this opportunity. It was everything we were hoping for and more. Her previous experience with sailing programs had not led to any real progression in her knowledge and skills. Stage Harbor was perfect for my daughter. She loves to be on the water, and now she loves to sail. She is asking for any kind of small sailing craft that she could take out on her own. Nothing could be more gratifying for a parent to hear. This has been a highly positive experience for my daughter. Thank you again.

End of Summer Highlights

Since our last newsletter on August 8, 2013, we still had ten days left in the season, and I wanted to update everyone on some of the highlights.

SM Sailing Team Racing Championship

Led by Head 420 Coach Ian Barrows, SHYC's 420 Race Team finished the year strong with a second-place finish in the SM Sailing Team Racing Championships in Scituate. Our team finished the qualifying round with a 7-1 record, and finished 3-3 in the Gold championship round, losing by just one race to Vineyard Haven Yacht Club. This is our best finish in many years, and we look forward to taking home the title next year. For complete results (low point system), please click the link below.

[SM Sailing Team Championships Results](#)

O'pen BIC Sailors Participate in First "Un-regatta"

Our O'pen BIC sailors participated in their first ever regatta, or "un-regatta" in O'pen BIC parlance, and had a great time! We sent eight sailors to Hyannis Yacht Club on August 8, and our group not only made up half the fleet, but we also placed two sailors in the top three! Congratulations to all of the participants and to Sonja Bartlett, our dedicated O'pen BIC fleet captain.



Owen Cummings, Harry Gregory, Lane Whitla, Nevin Sayre (from O'pen BIC), Jeb Bartlett, Christine Hanson,
Connor Bradley, Stuart Whitla, and Matt Cullinane

Henry T. Woodland Blue Water Race

Tiggy Woodland was a longtime member of Stage Harbor Yacht Club, and a member of the Club's 1946 Sears Cup National Championship team. Tiggy also crewed in the Dragon Class in the 1952 Olympic Trials, and just missed going to Helsinki by a quarter of a point. After his death in 2001, the Club named the Blue Water race in his honor.

This year's races were held in ideal conditions and won by Bob Samuelson (see photo below) in *Mooncusser*. Special thanks to Drew Carlson and Sophie Griscom for serving as Race Committee.



Commodore's Ball

The Commodore's Ball was a great success this year, thanks to the hard work of Peggy Batchelder, Robin Macchia, and others who helped decorate the tent and get it ready for a night of dancing to the music of *Soul Collective*. Over 300 members and their children attended this year's Ball, and a great time was had by all. Special thanks go to Judy Hoyt and Jim Goddard for once again allowing the Club to use their beautiful property for the Commodore's Ball. We are so thankful for all you do for the Club!

Past Commodores' Tea

The Past Commodores' Tea was held on August 11 following the annual Commodore's Cup regatta. Past Commodores and their spouses - including Barbara Wells, Judy Hoyt, and Lee Kimball, whose husbands served as our 13th, 14th, and 18th Commodores - attended, and enjoyed reminiscing about the Club's storied history. Honorary Member Martha Batchelder unveiled a new weather station donated by Commodore Batchelder and Peggy Batchelder in memory of Richard Batchelder ("Batch"), who passed away earlier this year.



Ladies Luncheon

Vice Commodore Lisa Patten hosted the 36th annual Ladies Luncheon at her home on Stage Harbor Road. This event was first hosted by Lynn Landy and Sue Wilmot, and has become a favorite tradition at the Club. Over 20 ladies attended this year's luncheon under beautiful skies.



Fun Sails

The Club has hosted free and informal "fun sails" for many years in Club Day Sailers, and this tradition is alive and well. The group is very casual, and welcomes all Adult Members to join them every Monday and Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting.



Nancy Rhodes, Didi Lovett, Pat Tarnow, Jeannette Herrmann, Lisa Edge, and Emma Rozantes

Hovey Cup and Junior Hovey Cup

The Hovey Cup has been won by three generations of Hoveys, starting with our founder, Fritz Hovey, but this year marked the first time that the finals of the Hovey Cup and Junior Hovey Cup were contested by members of the same families! In the Hovey Cup, Rear Commodore Matt Evans outdueled Drew Carlson, but the tables were turned in the Junior Hovey Cup, where Zoe Carlson defeated Jack Evans. Congratulations to both the Evans and Carlson families for your winning ways!



Zoe Carlson with the Junior Hovey Cup

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meetings of SHYC and SHSS were held on August 18, 2013, and there was a great turnout of members. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the awards, including the Club's highest award, The F. Spaulding Dunbar Award, which went to Kristin Loftus and Regina Shakin for their tireless work as Fleet Captains of our 420 Race Team. For a list of all award winners, please click the link below.

[2013 Awards](#)

The members also accepted the slate of the Nominating Committee for officers and directors for 2014. For a copy of the slate, please click the link below.

[Nominating Committee Slate](#)

Heather Earl, our Sailing School President last year, declined her nomination due to anticipated travel commitments this coming summer with her son Hayden, who is a member of the US Opti National Team. Thank you, Heather, for your service as Sailing School

President, and congratulations on winning the J70 North American Championships this fall. Heather defeated 88 other boats in the inaugural championship, which featured some of the best sailors in the country.



At its meeting on October 20, 2013, the Board filled the vacancy for Sailing School President with the appointment of Regina Shakin, and filled the vacancy in the Secretary position created by Regina's appointment with Emma Rozantes. We are looking forward to Regina and Emma serving in their new roles.

It goes on and on and on and on . . .

With winter upon us, here is a little treat to keep summer memories alive from this year's Commodore's Ball. To view the video clip, please click on the link below and then click on the file name. Don't stop believin'!

[Commodore's Ball](#)

Happy Thanksgiving!
Richard D. Batchelder, Jr., Commodore
Elizabeth C. Patten, Vice Commodore
Matt Evans, Rear Commodore