

The Horse Shoe Crab

November 24, 2014

Motto: Of Crabs, By Crabs, For Crabs

Note from Commodore

Greetings! As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, there is a lot happening at SHYC that I must share with you. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the SHYC/SHSS Boards have already rolled up their sleeves and are busy planning for next summer. Small working groups are focusing on different areas of the Club such as Fundraising, ARC Conversion, Membership/Admission Procedures and Policies, Racing, Sailing School Curriculum, Building and Grounds, and Website/Technology. I am pleased with the hard work of these groups and I'm excited to share a few of their updates in this Newsletter.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday and hope to see you at our Thanksgiving Gathering on November 29th from 1600-1730 at the Clubhouse. Catch up with fellow members by the roaring fire. Hot chocolate and cider will be provided-all you need to bring is good cheer and a snack to share.



Sailing School Staff Update

At the beginning of November Trude Goodman notified the Flag Officers and the SHYC/SHSS Boards that she has decided not to return as Program Director next summer. Although it was a very difficult decision for her to make, she is looking forward to exploring new professional opportunities and possibly traveling next summer. We are so grateful to Trude for all that she has given to SHYC during her 19 years on the Sailing School staff. She has put her heart and sole into the Club and leaves it a better place. I have many fond memories of seeing Trude at the helm of the Mother Crab motoring out to or from a race in the harbor. I've also had the pleasure of having Trude mentor both of my children as sailing school students and instructors. She has fostered in both of them a love of sailing and a love for the Club. Although she will be dearly missed as the Sailing School's Program Director, we look forward to seeing Trude in her new role as a Jr. Member and hope she discovers new ways to remain active in the Club.

The Flag Officers and Sailing School President have been exploring who might be most appropriate to assume this role next season and are pleased to report that Jane Frye has accepted the position. We will sorely miss Trude next summer, but are very confident that Jane will do well in her new role. The Flag Officers, the Sailing School President and Trude will work with Jane to help make it a smooth transition. Currently, Jane is exploring the Hawaiian islands of Maui and Oahu before heading to Australia to live and work in Queensland until she returns in the spring to work at the Club.

Letter from Trude Goodman



Trude during her early years on staff

Dear Members,

When I began my tenure as a Stage Harbor Sailing School instructor 19 years ago, I was just beginning high school. Since then I have completed a year of national service, college, graduate school, and 10 years as a classroom teacher and administrator. Every one of those summers I returned to my favorite corner of the world and a job I loved. All of my roles at the sailing school, from Volunteer Instructor to Program Director, have taught me countless lessons in leadership. I have enjoyed mentoring younger instructors and working with all of the Club's wonderful volunteers. Looking ahead to the summer of 2015, I have decided that my journey will take me on a different path. I am looking forward to being an active member, spending time in Chatham with my friends and family, and pursuing professional development opportunities. I know you will join me in supporting our new Program Director, Jane Frye, in her new role. As Chief and Drew did for me, I look forward to supporting Jane and the Club in the years ahead.

Fondly,
Trude

Additional Staff Updates for Summer 2015

Along with Jane's new position, the following staff changes will take place next summer. Colleen Cassidy, who is a senior at Providence College, will be returning as Head Instructor/Co-Race Team Coordinator. Ben Patten, after working for 10 years at SHSS as a Volunteer, Instructor and Head Steward, has also decided not return next summer. He is pursuing a career as a carpenter and is currently working for a construction company on the Cape. While we will miss Ben, I am pleased to announce that Pete King, currently a junior at UNH, will be taking the Head Steward position. After taking last summer off to do an internship, Bobby Lewis, who is currently a senior at SMU, will be

returning as Co-Race Team Coordinator. We have a great team in place and I, along with Vice Commodore Evans and Rear Commodore Carlson are looking forward to working with this fine team of Head Instructors next summer. Please stay tuned for further updates on staffing and programming as we continue our planning efforts.

SHSS Fundraising and ARC Conversion Update

I am excited to report that, as of October 23rd, we have received \$175,000 in donations and our first goal- to raise sufficient funds to retire the debt on the original fish pier purchase- has been achieved! This is a huge accomplishment for which I want to thank everyone who has donated or pledged to our campaign. I am so grateful for your dedication and commitment to SHYC.

I also want to update you that our tenant Dick Kraus, president of the Aquaculture Resource Corp. (ARC), contacted me on October 7th asking if Stage Harbor Enterprises, as Landlord, would consider extending his lease for another year. It has been very difficult for him to find a suitable site on the south side of the Cape to move his operation. Currently, Dick is having discussions with the Town of Harwich concerning their interest in having the ARC move the shellfish nursery to one of two locations in Harwich. On October 19th, the SHSS Board voted to grant Dick a 10-month lease extension, which represents the necessary time needed for his shellfish-growing season.

Despite not having full access to our building while ARC remains a tenant, we still plan to move forward with improvements beginning in the spring of 2015. Projects under active consideration by the (SHYC and SHSS) Boards include: a new roof, new windows, new shingles, and repairs to existing stairs going up to the roof deck area. Board member, Doug Whitla, is getting estimates on specific projects so that the SHYC/SHSS Boards may determine the timeline for repairs at its November meeting. In the coming months, the Club will obtain proper permits for the renovations. The Board approved the ARC lease extension to facilitate a more seamless transition for our tenant and give us additional time to raise funds and plan for a spectacular new Sailing School Center!

In the meantime, while the Club is well on its way toward attaining its second goal of receiving enough pledges to finance the new Sailing School Center conversion, we are still actively raising funds to pay for financing this important project. The Fundraising Committee's goal is to have full participation from all club members and we welcome gifts at any level. Donations should be made payable to:

Stage Harbor Sailing School
and mailed to:
Stage Harbor Yacht Club
c/o Meservey Accountancy
104 Crowell Road Chatham, MA 02633.
(Please include in the notation-2014 Fundraising)

Your gift will be a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Stage Harbor Sailing School, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We would also welcome matching gifts if your company offers such a program. Other options include the gifting of securities, or including Stage Harbor Sailing School in your estate plan. For more information on these programs, please contact the club Treasurer, Chris Ritchie, at chris.ritchie@bos.frb.org. Again, many thanks to all of you for your support in our fundraising efforts!

Technology/Website Update

The Technology/Website working group, consisting of Liz Potter, Emma Rozantes, Sonja Bartlett, Chris Ritchie and Lisa Patten has been busy exploring how to streamline the registration process. Our goal is for Members to conveniently renew annual dues, register for sailing school and social events on line through our new website. In an effort to cut down on costs and get the Club's directory out earlier, the yearly Directory will be generated by our website host, *Memberclicks*. Please be on the lookout for Membership renewal invoices and instructions for members to update their contact information on the Club's website in early December. It will be important for members to log in and make sure that all their information is correct in the directory. Dues and profile updates will be due February 15th, 2015. We thank you for your cooperation and appreciate your patience as we make this online transition.

Filming of The Finest Hours at SHYC



I am pleased to share that Nor'Easter Productions Company will be filming the Disney movie, "*The Finest Hours*," at our SHYC fish pier in early December. The film stars Chris Pine and is an adaptation of the Coast Guard's daring rescue of 32 men from the tanker, Pendleton, that broke up off the coast of Chatham in 1952. This is such an extraordinary story and a great opportunity for our Club to take part in the movie. The production company will be filming a night-time scene at Stage Harbor. Mark Simonitsch is serving as the Club's liaison with Nor'Easter Productions. He has been busy most recently clearing the beachfront and moving the I-docks. In the coming weeks, there will be a lot of activity around the Club in preparation for the movie production; how exciting to have SHYC featured in this epic tale! I hope members were able to take advantage of the special opportunity to sign up as extras during the casting call that was held at the beginning of November. Please let us know if you are casted so we can look for you when the movie comes out. Listed below are a few interesting links with further details on the movie and this historic rescue.

http://www.uscg.mil/history/articles/pendleton_webster.asp

<http://screenrant.com/finest-hours-coast-guard-movie-director-robert-schwentke/>

<http://www.firstshowing.net/2014/chris-pine-to-star-in-disneys-coast-guard-drama-the-finest-hours/>

<http://michaeltougias.wordpress.com/2013/09/06/update-on-finest-hours-movie-progress/>

http://www.uscg.mil/history/articles/Pendleton_Mercer_Stancliff.asp

In Harbor

It is with great sadness I announce the passing of Patricia Nicholson Siewert on Sunday, October 19th after a brief illness. She and her family have been long-time members of the Club since 1973. Originally from Sea Cliff, NY, Pat and her family spent every summer in Chatham, often sailing back and forth in their Tartan 34 Peace. She was very active at SHYC serving on many committees and enjoyed racing in the Friday DS Ladies Series. Pat leaves behind her husband Dick, who served as Commodore from 1987-1989, her three sons Jake, Nick, and James, who were all former instructors at the yacht club, and many grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in Chatham Saturday, Nov. 29th at 11am at Holy Redeemer Church.

~Lisa Patten

Note from Rear Commodore

Do you want to race? Sailboat racing has a long and proud history in Stage Harbor dating back well before the Club's founding in 1932. During the off-season months, a working group has been formed to examine racing at Stage Harbor Yacht Club and to make recommendations for the 2015 season. The group will look at local series racing, race teams,

regattas, race circular and team racing. In collaboration with the Sailing School working group, a Handbook will be created to help members, new and old, take full advantage of sailing school and racing offerings at the club. Included in racing section of the handbook will be a brief history of racing at SHYC, explanations of how to be involved in racing, and a Frequently Asked Questions section. The Racing Working Group is composed of the following members: Brendan Bradely, Drew Carlson, Colleen Cassidy, David Leary, Cheryl Lubin, Allan Royal, and Katherine Schock.



Drew Carlson and Sophie Griscom racing in the 2009 DSNACR

The Day Sailer North American Championship Regatta is coming to Chatham, or more precisely, to Pleasant Bay! Chatham Yacht Club, in collaboration with Orleans Yacht Club and Stage Harbor Yacht Club will be host to competitors from around the country. Thanks in advance to SHYC's Liaison, Fran Hyde for her efforts to coordinate participants and volunteers. If you intend to participate in the DSNACR, you must be a member of the Day Sailer Association and the super easy one-page application can be found [here](#). It's not too late to get your Day Sailer souped-up and buy a new suit of sails for this event. For new sails, Fran has announced that there is an effort under way to coordinate all Cape Cod Day Sailer owners to buy new North sails at a discount. If you are interested, please immediately contact Fran at ffhcqx@gmail.com for details. The fleet deal is available until December 1st.

"Non -Racing" Topics:



Kent Richardson, of Richardson Marine instructs a coworker on plans to repair "Blueberry's" gunwale. The Club's 12 Sprites will have fittings repaired or replaced, fiberglass work and will receive fresh coats of gelcoat and paint

The Club's 12 Sprites are being refurbished during the offseason. The Sprites first arrived at SHYC in 1959, and over the years thousands of kids have learned the basics of sailing in Seamen and Mates classes aboard these amazing sloops. The key to the Sprites' longevity are that they are seaworthy, durable, inexpensive to maintain, and are light enough to store on the beach. Add to that, Sprites allow our instructors to offer in-the-boat instruction in Seaman class.

Note from Sailing School President



July 4th 2014 Parade

The Sailing School is hard at work preparing for next year's sailing program. A working group has been assembled to evaluate Sailing School programs, curriculum and schedules. Other items for review are staff training and the creation of a mission statement. The working group includes Matt Evans, Sonja Bartlett, Susanna Beckwith, Jane Frye, Mike Hearle, Pam Cummings, Sara Wilson and Regina Shakin. The Sailing School is working in collaboration with the Harbor Master to create a shark protocol. The safety of our sailors is our greatest priority so please stay tuned for an update on our new safety measures for next summer. We greatly appreciate those families who have taken the time to fill out the Sailing School Questionnaire and we kindly ask those who have not yet done so to please share their thoughts regarding last year's program by clicking the Questionnaire link below. Your feedback is extremely helpful as we plan for the summer of 2015. Lastly, we are looking for a chairperson for the Fourth of July parade float. If you have any interest, please contact Regina Shakin at shakinjr@aol.com.

[Sailing School Feedback Questionnaire](#)

~Regina Shakin

~ Happy Thanksgiving! ~



*Photo from Pumpkin People in the Park at Kate Gould Park in Chatham
~ Friends of the Eldredge Library Display*