



Rockland Yacht Club Newsletter

November 2010

From the Commodore:

An exciting new year has started with our first meeting on **Saturday, November 13th at 3:00 PM**. Captain Neal Parker will speak and show slides about boat restoration and his work on his schooner WENDAWEEN. Robin McIntosh, our new Activities Chairman is in charge of the meeting.

The Planning Committee has been busy at work getting estimates to replace the Common Room floor. That is in preparation for building up the hearth for the fireplace insert.

Mike Sodano and Bruce Stedman are working on the Holiday Party to be held at Amalfi on **Saturday, December 11th**.

At the February meeting, Julie and Rick Palm will show slides and tell us about their sailing trip around the world. One not to miss!

Helen Kuhl, our new Membership Committee Chairman is working on the 2011 Membership book, and along with Judy Turner, as Hospitality Committee Chairman, have been contacting our new members. There are many opportunities for you members to serve on committees, so let us know of your interests!

Racing news: Around Islesboro race started with a bang! Winds from the North gusting well into the 20's swept past the Northport Yacht Club heading straight down the bay. With a typical (so told) downwind start, there were boats all over the place, as all 5 divisions started at once. "get them out of here!" 41 boats heading for the line, 12 boats from RYC! And what a fun start and downwind (surfing) first leg to watch, and sail! A few boats hoisted chutes! Wow! Wipe out city! With a few boats broaching with spectacular looking wind-ups and wipe outs. By the next to last leg, the wind moderated and the fleet enjoyed a beautiful beat to Turtle Head and a nice quiet reach back to Bayside Thanks to NYC for hosting a great post race gathering!

RYC results:

First place single handed
Peter McCrea, PANACEA
Second Pl, Multihull
James Love IRISH LADY
3RD Pl Multi hull:
Guy Polybank, BOB JENKINS
5TH P. Cruising: Fred Kellogg
NELLIE JANE
1st P Racing: Class B
Gust Stringos, BLUEBIRD
2nd Class A: Ken Priest
5th Class A Robert Johnson
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MEMBER PROFILE Fred Kellogg

Fred joined the yacht club in 2005 and brings to our club a wealth of sailing experience! He was inspired by his father who could win any sailing race, even when he missed the start! Fred grew up in Cambridge, MA. He was a sailing instructor and taught at Duxbury, Edgartown, and Cold Spring Harbor, where he won the Long Island Midget Championship. In 2007 he jumped at the opportunity to sail around Cape Horn on Fred Blair's schooner, MAGGIE B., about which he gave a slide presentation to our yacht club.

He now owns a 23.5 foot Kenner Kittiwake, NELLIE JANE, which he mostly single hands. Starting in 1995 he researched Uncle Henry's for two years until he found the biggest sailboat that would fit on a trailer in his driveway. Although it was just sound enough to sail, every year he spent about what he paid for it to "spiff it up a notch". He's almost there!

Fred states he is a recovering lawyer. Although drawn to art as a teenager, he was caught up in the spirit of reform in the 60's and wanted to contribute to environmental and consumer protection and civil rights. He worked for Attorney General Elliot Richardson and resigned along with him in the "Saturday Night Massacre." He stayed in DC and eventually became General Counsel of the National Endowment for the arts.

He moved to Washington in 1973, and sailed in his spare time. He was a co-watch captain with (later Senator) John Kerry in a foggy 1973 Halifax race, in which they were second overall. He crewed for Woofie Parker's son Tony out of Annapolis, and some lesser skippers.

He became familiar with the mid coast when he came summers, with his father. They became good friends with Andy and Betsy Wyeth, which is how Fred got into watercolors. He serves on the Farnsworth Museum board.

Fred and his wife Molly now live in Thomaston. Their house has a view of the water and a fabulous art studio over the barn. Molly is active in the General Henry Knox Museum. They have two step children from her previous marriage, and a bunch of step grandchildren. They winter in (snowy) Washington DC where he has an annual exhibit. His paintings of Maine are most popular.

