



## **Rockland Yacht Club**

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### **April 2003 Newsletter**

#### **Calendar Events:**

**Race Committee** will meet April 8. Information is in this newsletter.

**RYC Spring Fling Picnic** at the Rockport Boat Club, Saturday May 10 starting at 4:30pm. Bring everything you would need for a picnic and hors d'oeuvre to share. Cost is \$5.00 per adult with children 12 and under free. The club will supply enough charcoal and grills, soda and mixers for all. This is a BYOB. Directions – Rockport – take the driveway by the photographic workshop; go to Rockport Marine; take a right and follow to the boat club. Entertainment will be the Rockland Community Steel Band. Question on the directions – call Bruce

**RYC Cruise Schedule:** A more in-depth list will be put in the May newsletter but the dates are  
June 7 - 8: Ice Breaker at Pulpit Harbor  
June 21: Progressive Dinner at Broad Cove  
July 4 – 6 or 7: Long Weekend at local area  
August 9 – 17: Week long at north & east(ish)  
August 29 – Sept 1: Labor Day Weekend at TBD

#### **RYC Race update:**

June 10 – September 16: Tuesday Race Schedule  
June 21: Solstice Race (info to follow later)  
July 12 – 13: Rockland / Bayside (Northport) Race  
July 26: Gloucester / Rockland Race (see club minutes)

**RYC Lobster Picnic** is scheduled for Saturday, September 27.

**Important: If membership renewal is not in by April 15 names will be removed from the mailing and voting list. The membership booklet will be ready for the Spring Fling, May 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be mailed to members not attending the Spring Fling.**

#### **Commodore's Message:**

Dear RYC Members,

I want to thank Taylor Vaughan for the new 'look' of the website. It looks great. Lots of club information is posted on this site including a link to the ACF. Taylor is looking for photographs of your boat and other ideas. You can reach Taylor at [tay@timestream.com](mailto:tay@timestream.com)

I want to welcome aboard new club members:  
Jim & Nancy Grimes sailing FINS, a Vindo 34 out of Camden,

Mik & Kris Mikkelsen motoring SOUL ASSET, a Monterey 26 out of Rockland, and

Ron & Barbara Wilber sailing LADY PUFF, a Tartan 30 out of Owl's Head.

It was great to have Rockland Harbor Master Chad Delima as our guest speaker in March. He did an excellent job answering questions from the members present. KC Heyniger from the ACF did a short presentation describing functions of interest to RYC members. I've added some material about ACF events in the newsletter. Marshall Cary described the Retired Skippers race to be held August 16. Marshall can be reached at: [MarshallCary2000@aol.com](mailto:MarshallCary2000@aol.com) or 207-862-2100.

Some notes: A few dinghy spots may be available. If you want to be put on a waiting list call me. I'll let you know on or just after April 15.

There is NO general membership meeting in April.

I want to thank the members for bringing in the wonderful hors d'oeuvre to share at the meetings. Peggy McCrea even had a reserved sign for me this past meeting.

A reminder that reservations are NOT needed for the RYC Spring Fling. Think spring.

Sincerely, *Bruce Stedman*

**MINUTES** of RYC Member's Meeting at ACF,  
March 16, 2003 Attendance: 30 members  
The Commodore commenced with a "Sailing physics lesson" and announcements, then called the meeting to order at 3.10 pm.

1. Bruce asked that the Minutes of the previous (general) meeting be taken "as read". Proposed by Marshall Cary and seconded by Jim Grimes. The "ayes" have it.

2. The Treasurer's report was called for. Gary Cran distributed a printed statement for the period ending February 28. He commented on Operating and Reserve Fund balances and pointed out that Membership Dues are at 60% of 2002. "Much of the reserve fund will go to completion of the dinghy dock piling, and again, not all dinghy slots have been paid for." The Secretary mentioned that dinghy fees are due by April 1 from those who have filed reservation forms unaccompanied by payment.

The Commodore commented that we now have a waiting list for dinghy slots. He called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Proposed by Mike Sodano, seconded by Cheri Hutchinson. The "ayes" have it.

3. Bruce now introduced new members: David Stebbins; Jim and Nancee Grimes; Nick Nicholson; Taylor Vaughn. "Taylor, being experienced in such matters, has volunteered to be RYC Webmaster." Bruce concluded this item by announcing that April 15 is now the absolutely last deadline for membership renewal: "If you want you and your boat to be listed in the 2003 Club Roster." Bruce then reported on "Old Business" arising from previous meetings in connection with discussions held at ACF with Warren Kaericher and KC Heyniger, on February 26.

(a) ACF was informed that RYC is 'working' on getting the piling completed for the dinghy dock. Gerrit Vander Veer will contact Art Tibbets, the contractor, to resolve this matter prior to the season.

(b) Concerning dinghies foundering due to being caught under the pier, rainwater, easterly gales, et cetera. The conclusion is that members must monitor their own craft. Neither ACF nor RYC is responsible for protecting dinghies on or tied to the RYC float.

(c) ACF suggested that the marine police are contacted if a dinghy without a RYC sticker is at the float perpetually. Management is a RYC responsibility, not ACF. (d) Any member, not just slot holders, may use the dinghy dock for short periods but should note remarks under 'c'. (e) Members may tie up at the T-dock for short periods. ACF will try to designate the right side, viewed from

seaward, of the cross T for drop-off and pickup. Water will be available at that point, thanks to Charles Falkingham (who gets high marks from ACF for his efforts). KC, the Dock Master, ventured that there must be priority for daytime ACF community programs. However, the 420's will have a separate float away from the main T, which will free up space. (e) ACF agrees that Pope Sails carts will be left empty at the dock. Should members find otherwise please report such to the Commodore. (f) Given reasonable notice, ACF will endeavor to accommodate RYC use of the facilities. The club has reserved the meeting room for 6.00-9.00 pm for all Tuesday night races, July 27 and 28th am for the Annisquam YC Down East Race. Members having other dates in mind should notify the Commodore. (g) RYC is reminded that ACF is a school so consumption of alcohol on ACF premises must be discrete. Problems have not occurred but ACF wish to emphasis the point. (h) The bathroom can only be open when ACF is open, or for a RYC function. (i) Put garbage from any club function in the dumpster. Members holding dinghy slots may also use the dumpster for small amounts. (j) The ACF ramp is available for launching small boats but is locked most of the time. (k) A parking area for RYC "dinghy slot" members will be designated and marked. Overflow parking is at Pope Sails. (l) ACF will offer paid boat storage. Members should contact KC. (m) ACF needs more volunteers. Even "summer-only" volunteers. Call ACF at 594-1800. Planned: 1-2 days for a "clean-up" at ACF. The Commodore will let RYC members know when. "Let's have a good turn out."

4. Toni Vander Veer announced that hours for the Spring Picnic on May 10 would be 4:30 -8 pm. She reported few submissions for the RYC Cookbook so the project is now open-ended until further notice. Toni reminded members about items available from the Club Slop Chest.

5. Al Hodsdon put forward an idea for a "Community fun event – on the water." Members were asked for ideas and suggestions included "Greasy bowsprit climbing" and "dinghy joisting". There was general agreement that we might try an event within the club this year and, if deemed feasible, plan for an open event in 2004.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was proposed by Mike Sodano, seconded by Gerrit Vander Veer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivan Hills – secretary

## RYC MEMBERS & RACERS

It looks like spring and that means that sailing days are soon approaching. You are invited to an informal meeting to plan and discuss the Tuesday night racing season, as well as the Solstice race (June 21st) and the Bayside/Rockland race (July 12-13).

Please come to Doug Pope's sail loft at 6 P.M. on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The discussion will include:

- the committee boat schedule with John Lemole in Juki
- holding some races outside the breakwater
- spinnaker vs. non-spinnaker (PHRF)
- low point scoring (i.e. \_ point for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 points for second, etc.)
- moorings
- BBQ after the races at ACF
- anything else you'd like to bring up

Please bring your check for \$30 made out to John Lemole to cover your boat's contribution for the running and maintenance of the committee boat for the 2003 season.

After the discussion you are invited to join us at Grapes Restaurant, next door to Doug's, for dinner and everything else that we want to catch up on before the first starting gun June 10<sup>th</sup>.

David Jones  
Race Committee  
236-7048

## ATLANTIC CHALLENGE COMMUNITY SAILING PROGRAM

Parent Spectator Trips: Parents of youth sailors have expressed interest in watching their children sail during lessons. Rockland area boaters are volunteering their time and vessel to take parents out to see the on-the-water action.

1. The LAST DAY of each CSP youth sailing session, a volunteer with their boat offers to take parents out to watch the youth sailing session on the water. One morning trip from 10-11 am. One afternoon trip from 2:30 -3:30 pm. Weather-permitting.

2. Parents sign-up for available slots during the 2-week session on a first-come, first-serve basis. One parent per child. Volunteer decides how many people they will take beforehand. The volunteer and boat meet parents on the Atlantic Challenge pier 15 minutes before departure time.
3. If you are interested in helping out, please contact KC Heyniger at the ACF 594-1800.

DATES (Open times are shown below)

JULY 3 (Thursday)

10 am, Bruce Stedman, "Gemini", 5 people.  
2:30 pm **(BOAT NEEDED)**

JULY 18 (Friday)

10 am, Gary Cran, "Black Bear", 5 people.  
2:30 pm, Gary Cran, "Black Bear", 5 people.

AUGUST 1 (Friday)

10 am, Gary Cran, "Black Bear", 5 people.  
2:30 pm, Gary Cran, "Black Bear", 5 people.

AUGUST 15 (Friday)

10 am, David Erdman, Hinckley 30, 5 people.  
2:30 pm, David Erdman, Hinckley 30, 5 people.

AUGUST 22 (Friday)

10am, **(BOAT NEEDED)**  
2:30 pm, **(BOAT NEEDED)**

## ACF 2003 SPRING LECTURE SERIES

The Atlantic Challenge Foundation hosts a lecture series on the following Wednesdays starting at 7pm. For more information call the ACF at 594-1800.

You can visit the ACF on their website:  
[www.atlanticchallenge.com](http://www.atlanticchallenge.com)

### April 16: Maine Hand Tools

Skip Brack, founder of Liberty Tool, will describe three centuries of changing woodworking technology. The public is encouraged to bring old unknown tools for identification.

### April 30: US Navy Ironclads

Hugh Curran will illustrate river combat from Vicksburg to Vietnam where he commanded three Mobile Riverine Force Vessels.

### **May 7: Journey Down The Mississippi**

Trapper and Mandy Haskins will describe their 2200 mile rowing trip in an 1889 river design skiff they built at the Rockland Apprentice Shop. They will use photographs and slides to help the presentation. OXBOW will be on display.

### **May 21: Re-Creating Captain Waymouth's 1605 Maine Coast Exploation**

ACF apprentices, staff and friends will recreate Captain Waymouth's historic Midcoast travels using slides and video. LIGHTHORSEMAN, the replica 17<sup>th</sup> century rowing/sailing boat was built in 2001 at the Apprentice Shop for the trip and will be on display.

### **Atlantic Challenge Foundation 2003 Community Sailing Update**

Hello Atlantic Challenge Community Sailors!

There might be snow on the ground, but we're already excited to get the JY prams, 420 dinghies, and keel-boats in the water. We're working on some cool new stuff for the 2003 ADULT AND YOUTH SAILING PROGRAMS, including a longer season with new classes, different boats, sailing with other clubs, our own web page for your pictures and much more!

For you YOUTH SAILORS, all four youth instructors – Patrick Dilalla, Ned Bewig, Wiley Todd, and Rebecca Neville – are returning. Our 600-foot pier, our fleets, and our facilities are better than ever... all we need is YOU! Sailing starts June 23<sup>rd</sup> and continues through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We're offering four 2-week sessions featuring 10 days of sailing fun and excitement. We're adding an additional one week "post-season" session for area intermediate sailors who want more time ripping around the harbor. Here are the youth schedule dates:

**June 23 – July 3<sup>rd</sup> M-F**

**July 7 – July 18<sup>th</sup> M-F**

**July 21 – August 1<sup>st</sup> M-F**

**August 4 – Aug 15<sup>th</sup> M-F**

**Intermediate Post Season Sailing: August 18 – August 22<sup>nd</sup> (1 week)**

If you've never sailed, or want to review your sailing skills, sign up for the morning beginning sessions

from 9 to noon when instructors cover the basics. If you've sailed before, go for the afternoon sessions from 1:30 to 4:30 where you'll develop more advanced boat handling and racing skills.

And for you ADULT SAILORS, this is a great summer to learn to sail – our instructor team is strong, we're starting evening lessons in early June, and we're expanding into new day-time sailing sessions! A wider variety of boats will give more opportunities to build sailing skills. Here's the EVENING lesson schedule –

(8 lessons -two nights a week for 4 weeks 5:30 to dusk):

**June 2 thru June 27 Monday/Wednesday or  
Tuesday/Thursday**

**June 30 thru July 25 Monday/Wednesday or  
Tuesday/Thursday**

**July 28 thru August 22 Monday/Wednesday or  
Tuesday/Thursday**

And this year we're offering DAYTIME sessions from 1 to 5 p.m. for a one-week focused learning experience!

**June 16-20 Monday through Friday**

**July 14 –18 Monday through Friday**

**August 4-8 Monday through Friday**

And please, feel free to contact us about customized sailing instruction possibilities.  
[comsail@atlanticchallenge.com](mailto:comsail@atlanticchallenge.com)

To avoid being wait-listed, we strongly encourage you to register early to be sure to get the session that you want. Classes will fill up early this year! Check the growing Community Sailing Program web page at [www.atlanticchallenge.com](http://www.atlanticchallenge.com), updates, and pictures from last season's sailing. Send in your photos and we'll post 'em. Ask your friends to come sailing with you. But most of all, let's get psyched to get on the water!

Scholarships are available. Ask about volunteer opportunities.

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