



Rockland Yacht Club

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April 2004 Newsletter

Sunday April 18: General meeting at the Atlantic Challenge Building. This meeting will focus on the finalized plans for both the race and cruise committees. **Guest speakers will be Rockland Harbor Master Ed Glaser and Assistant Harbor Master Pete Thibodeau.**

Saturday May 15: RYC Spring Fling Picnic at the Rockport Boat Club will start at 4:30pm. Performing again this year will be Rockland's Community Steel Drum Band. 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. Question on the directions – call Bruce

**June:
Race and Cruise events begin!**

From the Commodore's locker:

Saturday, March 13 proved to be a busy day as 23 arrived for the race committee meeting at 2:30 p.m. followed by the club meeting/auction with 12 members attending. Minutes from both events are in this newsletter. I want to thank Diane Hebert for taking and preparing race committee notes for this newsletter. Some items at the club auction were held back due to the small number of participants but the club was able to generate \$91 of income.

I would like to thank Pope Sails, Gemini Canvas, and Leisure Maine for placing ads on the club web site. This will help pay the annual cost. Other businesses interested in placing an ad on the web site should contact me. The annual cost is \$100 which includes a hot link.

Moira Bentzel informed me the women's cruise is scheduled for June 28 and 29. Warren Island is the scheduled destination. Interested members can contact Moira at 207-453-7348.

KC at Atlantic Challenge informs me that many great used Etchell sails are available (5 mains, 7 jibs, and a couple spinnakers - all in "good" to "excellent" condition, ranging from \$100 to \$350). You can reach KC at 207-594-1800. Individual club members interested in sponsoring a youth sailing scholarship for \$190 can contact the Atlantic Challenge at the above number.

The cruise committee is working on the final plan for summer events. I've received a very tentative schedule and placed it in this newsletter so that members can consider planning for the non-foggy summer.

Please look carefully at item number six on the club minutes concerning fees for new members. A motion (and discussion) will be held at the April meeting.

Sincerely,

Bruce Stedman

Secretary's Minutes March 13, 2004

The Commodore opened the meeting at 5.13 pm. Twelve members were present.

1. He requested a motion to accept the secretary's minutes of the February meeting as presented in the March Newsletter: Proposed by Dick Bentzel, seconded by Peter McCrea. The "ayes" have it!
2. Absent the treasurer, the Commodore conveyed essentials from his written report: viz. Dues receipts are \$6,215 (68% of budget), dinghy dock income \$2,400 (60% of budget). Operating Fund is \$19,955.12 and The Reserve \$7,432.37. No unusual costs incurred. The Commodore asked for acceptance of the treasurer's report: So moved by Diane Hebert, seconded by Rene Hebert. The "ayes" have it!
3. Membership Secretary: Diane Hebert reported that membership to date is 128, composed of 53 family, 13 single, 7 associate and 2 honorary memberships. Three more renewals (at the meeting) brings total to 131. On March 14, 2003 membership was 109. New members are Alan MacDonald and Judy Turner.
4. Absent the Race Sub-Committee chairmen, the Commodore spoke for them. In response to a request from Dave Jones, the Executive Committee has proposed that the Race Sub-Committee receive \$350 to fund organization of the "Hunger Race" (see March Newsletter), which sum will be repaid from the entry fees. Race date is June 21 and repayment expected by July 15. Bruce asked for a motion to this effect: Proposed by Mike Sodano, seconded by Charles Falkingham. The "ayes" have it.
5. A message from Gust Stringos: The Down-East Race (Gloucester to Rockland) starts August 1. Volunteers are needed at the finish line August 2.
6. The Commodore reported on a discussion at the last Executive Committee (EC) meeting concerning a "new member fee" to offset the expense incurred in signing up new members. Bruce stressed that any change can be effected only by majority vote of the General Membership and that this will be on the agenda for the April 18 meeting. Bruce

- mentioned that the EC considered \$25 appropriate and invited members to comment. Those present raised no objection to the fee in principle but Peter McCrea suggested something higher but include a "free burgee" for the new member. Mike Sodano agreed and said \$45 should cover it.
7. The Commodore advised that EC was also considering a penalty for late renewal of membership since this increases club expenses. Bruce also reminded members that those not in good standing have no vote. This will be on the April agenda.
 8. Web Site: Bruce announced a change of carrier. The domain is switched from Network Solutions to Midcoast who charge \$20 per month, a significant savings. In fact the cost of the site is defrayed by sponsorship advertisements by Pope Sails, Gemini Canvas and Leisure Maine – to whom we are grateful. Other businesses are welcome to participate. Taylor Vaughan has agreed to continue as Web Master.
 9. Discounts for RYC members: Bruce advised that Rockland Boat, now owned by Hamilton Marine, no longer offer a discount but Midcoast Marine Supply (Rt.1 Thomaston) offer 10%. Show your RYC membership card.
 10. Moira Bentzel announced that a "Women's Cruise" is planned for June 28-29. *Natalie B* and at least one other boat will participate. More are welcome! Contact Moira for further information.

There being no further business the Commodore requested a motion to adjourn! So moved by Rene Hebert, seconded by Charles Falkingham. The meeting closed at 5.38pm

Respectfully submitted, Ivan Hills, secretary

Notes from the Saturday, March 13 Race meeting (AIF means all in favor)

1. Season Schedule of All Races?
Ken Priest will take responsibility for Islesboro race
2. Crews and Boats for the Race Committee' Conduct of the Races? A. Fees B. Tuesday Races
C. PHRF Weekend Races
D. Who renders the PHRF results and how?

3. Communication with the Race Fleet

AIF

All boats must have a VHF radio on board

All racers must let the committee boat know that they wish to be part of the race

A. Channel 68

B. Flags

C. Race Board

4. Tuesday Night Schedule

A. Season Standing or Split Season (Series) Preferred?

B. Will there be races outside the Breakwater?

5. Weekend Racing

A. Is Saturday or Sunday Preferred?

B. Is 11:00 AM or 12:00 Noon or 1:00 PM Start Time Preferred?

C. How Many will Participate?

D. Review of the Race Course Outside Breakwater, Is it Agreeable?

E. Is the Skippers' Meeting Necessary before hand?

F. Can One Design Boats sail as PHRF.

G. Will there be sufficient One Designs to have their own Start?

Nothing decided

Dave Hoy to spearhead these races. Saturday or Sunday okay, 12-5, suggested.

Go whole season and choose best 3 races. No committee boat, just meet and set watches. #

Interested unknown

6. Acceptance of PHRF Handicap System

AIF

A. Do we declare use of Spinnaker rating or not at beginning of each race; or, must boat use its Spinnaker rating the entire season whether it uses spinnaker or not?

AIF

Tuesday night races: Declare at start of season and stay with it

Other races - undecided

B. Current valid PHRF must be turned in by all boats.

AIF

7. Publicity & Announcements

A. How do we obtain crews?

Not discussed

B. When is Race Rules Seminar and where?

Start sequence written up and displayed on dock at ACF also posted on web site and in Newsletter

Race Agenda Continued:

From co-chairs Dave Jones and Patti Dinse

1. Regattas

A. Interest in a "Benefit Regatta" to replace the scholarship regatta

AIF

Everyone liked the Benefit Regatta

B. Should it be combined with the solstice race to be the "Solstice Benefit Regatta" or at another time? With the present schedule, it looks like August would be the best month if we chose not to combine them.

AIF

Combine the End Hunger Race this year

AIF

Way to get more boats to enter race.... give Aruba week to winner ????

C. Future beneficiaries of the regatta should be discussed with the fleet (even if we just put it out for people to be thinking about).

D. Raffle, T-shirts, sponsors, timeline

E. Discuss Rockland/Bayside Regatta, volunteers, etc

F. Interest in a double or single-handed race. If so, date, etc.

AIF

Schedule double handed for September 18 (No trophy this year)

Only Peter McCrea interested in single handed

G. Interest in weekend racing. If so, should they be done as a series of 3 each month with the best 2 scored, or for the season? Who would provide race management for this - committee boat, etc.?

2. Tuesday night races and racing in general

A. Managing the races to improve quality and consistency (i.e. if we have difficulty finding an experienced person for the season to set the marks and line, etc., can we pick a few specific, consistent boats to do it before the race and just have the communication boat responsible for the times?

Should these boats be responsible for deciding if there is to be another race?

AIF

Keep the manning of the committee boat the same as previous years

Sign ups to date:

1st week Doug Pope

2nd week Ken Priest

Last week Jeff Dinse

Setting of markers: Committee boat will anchor, the first boats out will pick up markers from it and set them.

Permanent markers were discussed.

B. Who should call races off/ postpone them, etc?

AIF

Committee boat will call the race. Priest/Kopp requested the call be made by 2:30 pm as they have so far to travel.

C. Should PHRF boats declare at the start of the season if they are racing or cruising? If so, can they change that, and how many times?

I don't remember what was said on this.

D. Should Tues races be held outside the breakwater?

AIF

Outside the breakwater would be a same day judgment call

E. \$30 per boat/ per season for maintaining the committee boat, gas, etc. Make checks payable to Jack Callahan.

AIF

Payment needs to be made to Patti before first race

F. Continue with PHRF format, racing under the PHRF-NE and US Sailing rules?

AIF

Continue using the medium PHRF rating

G. Can Etchells and non-PHRF legal boats race PHRF in regattas against the rest of the fleet? This impacts the previous question.

H. It has been suggested that we require any boat with at least 2 others in its class to race one-design instead of PHRF. This also has bearing on the answer to using PHRF format.

Discussion that 6 of one design are required

I. Form protest committee

AIF

Required

Here are the other notes I took but can't find a spot above to list them....

>Racers must check in with the committee boat if they wish to be part of the race.

>No longer allow 2 free races to previous RYC racers that are not club members, only allow 2 free races for new racers and visiting boats.

>Non profit groups:

No limit on number of boats that can enter race
ACF will pay the \$30 fee but won't be able to commit to taking a turn on the committee boat, although it will be mentioned to their racers as an option.

ACF would like to on the racing list for news of races etc

Member's boats for sale:

Saroca 1989, 16.5' sailboat, fully equipped.
Includes EZ Loader trailer. Will email picture and specs. See in Rockland by appointment.
Ivan Hills, 207-594-8129 hills@midcoast.com

Neptune 16' powerboat.
Mike Duffy 207-596-5707

Very tentative cruise agenda - join in at the April meeting for the finalized schedule. Note that cruise dates and locations in August and September are subject to change and weather may force both date and/or location changes and possible cancellation with any cruise. Contacts for cruises will be listed in the May newsletter.

June 5 & 6 (Saturday, Sunday): Icebreaker
Pulpit Harbor for the night.

June 19 (Saturday): Progressive Dinner
Broad Cove, Owl's Head Dinner in conjunction with the Solstice Racers. Interested cruisers to continue on a mini-cruise to somewhere close by. Location to be determined at the progressive dinner.

June 28 & 29 (Mon, Tue): Women's Cruise.
Warren Island for the night.

July 17 – 20 (Tues – Sat): Long Weekend
Harbor Island, Muscungus Bay;
Seal cove, up the Damariscotta River, South of Hodgson's Island; Hog Island, Muscungus Bay.

August 9 – 14 (Mon – Sat): Week Cruise
August 9: Buck's Harbor (steel band night?)
August 10: Wooden Boat School (tour school?)
Cocktails and Cookout on shore in their picnic area.
August 11: Frenchboro (hike and dinner ashore)
August 12: Pretty Marsh Harbor (Cocktails in the national park picnic area)
August 13: Merchants and Harbor Island (hiking and kayaking about Harbor Island)
August 14: Head for home

August 28 – 31 (Sat – Tue): Long Weekend
Belfast, Castine, Pickering (Another chance to pick up the Steel Band.)

September 8 – 11 (Wed – Sat): Long Weekend
Location to be determined

Crew for summer race series: If space is available - crew looking for boats and captains looking for crew will be put in the May newsletter first come first serve. Please keep info similar to Kerry's request below. Send info to Bruce Stedman.

Kerry Hadley 596-7738 is looking to crew. Kerry has had experience crewing Etchells, Stars, Bristol's, and J24's.