



Rockland Yacht Club

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May 2004 Newsletter

Saturday May 8: RYC race committee will be sponsoring a seminar, "The Racing Rules of Sailing" on May 8 at the Rockport Boat Club from 10am - 1pm. It is open to anyone interested in sailing and racing. Presenters will be Tim Tolford, a certified US Sailing judge from Portland, and Dave Whiting, a certified US Sailing Club Race Official and level two coach. Dave has conducted races for the Jr. Olympics, collegiate and high school sailing events and has been a judge for collegiate regattas. The cost of the seminar is \$8.

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 (sometimes lost) Stedman

From the Commodore's locker:

It was great having Rockland Harbormaster Ed Glaser attend the April meeting. Ed told us of his boating history in Maine waters and vision for Rockland Harbor. Ed fielded many questions from the members present.

Al Hodsdon tells me some dinghy spots are available at Atlantic Challenge. Interested ... contact Al at 453-6061.

Maryjane Shiverick is asking members to bring photographs of their boats/themselves to the spring picnic (or mail them to MJ). MJ is creating a photo club history to be passed about during club meetings and events.

What an exciting time of year for us BOAT OWNERS. We get to test our senses. Smell – bottom paint to cleaners ... touch – wax on wax off ... sight – all the things that need to be done (cry, cry) ... hearing – that will only cost \$750 to fix ... Taste – what did I leave in the food locker from last season ... but it's true, we do love it.

Remember to bring guests to the spring picnic at the Rockport Boat Club. Members who attend will receive the 2004 club roster. Rosters will be mailed later in May.

A detailed cruise schedule and brief outline of the racing schedule are in this newsletter.
Sincerely,

Bruce Stedman

**June starts
cruising and racing
YES – YES - YES**

**MINUTES: RYC Members Meeting,
April 18, 2004 at ACF**

The Commodore opened the meeting at 3.05 pm. Nineteen members were present, two joined later.

1. Minutes of March 13 Meeting (presented in the April Newsletter): Bruce asked for a motion to accept "as read". Proposed by Dave Jones, seconded by Al Hodsdon. The "ayes" have it.
2. Treasurer's Report: Gary provided a printed copy for inspection and commented briefly that the Operating Fund stands at \$20,648, the Reserve at \$7,521. "Dues income is down and only 14 of the available slots on the dinghy dock have been taken up".
3. Membership: Absent the Membership Secretary, Bruce reported that membership is 136 at first week of April. "Clearly not all 2003 members have renewed. A few more will, most likely". This led to discussion from the floor. "Perhaps we should use the press more; send out photos of the racers; distribute a club publicity flyer to yachts in the harbor; supply race and cruising schedules to the press; what do we have to offer for \$100 dues? Tay Vaughan suggested forming a membership sub-committee to study the problem." Taken under advisement for the next EC meeting.
4. Initiation Fee for New Members: Discussed at the March 13 meeting. The formal proposal now is: Commencing with the 2005 membership year, new members will be charged a one-time entry fee of \$50 and will receive a RYC burgee of size appropriate for their vessel. Proposed by Mike Sadano. Seconded by Gary Cran. The "ayes" have it. Questions arose after the motion about late renewals, membership interruptions, *et cetera*. These involve

club by-laws and will be taken up by the EC who will report to the members later in the year.

5. Spring Picnic: Cruise and Race schedules were discussed. Details will be in the May Newsletter and the RYC Handbook. However, the situation in regard to weekend racing is unclear. MJ would like to have a contact person for each cruise. And, "If you have pictures of your boat and crew, or similarly of other members, please bring them to the Spring Picnic".
6. Dave Jones announced that he is organizing a dance in conjunction with the "Hunger" race on June 19. Again, details will be in the Newsletter.
7. Bruce displayed the new Race Flag that was kindly contributed to RYC by Dave Hoyt. Gary remarked that we should try to get more people on the race boats – to encourage interest in racing. Bruce mentioned that ACF need more contributors for their \$190 sailing scholarships.
8. Bruce announced the following events: May 1 at Bohndell Sails, Bruce Schwab to speak on "Round The World Racing"; May 8 at Rockport Boat Club, "A Racing Rules Clinic" September 25 at Rockport Boat Club, RYC Fall Lobster Picnic.

There being no further business the Commodore asked for a motion to close the meeting and move on to the address by Rockland Harbormaster, Ed Glaser. So moved by Gary Cran and seconded by MaryJane Shiverick. The "ayes" have it and the meeting closed at 4.05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ivan Hills, secretary.

2004 Cruise Schedule

June 5 & 6 (Saturday, Sunday): "Icebreaker"

Pulpit Harbor for the night.

Contact: Maryjane and Dave Shiverick

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): "Ladies Cruise"

Warren Island for the night.

Contact: Moira Benzel

July 17 – 20 (Sat - Tues): "Long Weekend"

Harbor Island, Muscungus Bay;

Seal cove, up the Damariscotta River, South of Hodgson's Island; Hog Island, Muscungus Bay.

Contact: Mike Sodano

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

Contact: Maryjane and Dave Shiverick

August 28 – 31 (Sat – Tue): "Long Weekend"

Belfast, Castine, Pickering

September 8 – 11 (Wed – Sat): "Long Weekend"

Location to be determined

The cruise committee is looking members who will take responsibility at the contact person the August and September "Long Weekend" cruises.

2004 Race Schedule

Tuesdays starting June 15: Around the buoys

Solstice Race: June 19th

Rockland/Northport Race: July 10 and 11

Around Islesboro Race: September 11

Contact race chair for more information.

RYC Community Event June 19th:

The RYC is supporting Rockland's food pantry through the Area Interfaith Outreach. Two events are planned to help raise money.

The RYC Solstice Race will help raise money through an entry fee and "A Dance to End Hunger" from 7:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. will be held at the American Legion Hall in Camden (on the corner of John St. and Pearl St). This dance is chem free to the strains of Mr. Whoopi so bring your whole family. Admission is \$20 per person. Children under 12 are free.

"The End Hunger Raffle", thanks to the generosity of RYC member Jack Callahan, offers a seven night stay for two persons at his Tamarijn Beach Resort in Aruba. All meals and drinks are included, valid until 12/15/2005. Valued at \$3000. Tickets are \$5.00 or 6 for \$25. The drawing will be 9/25/2004. All proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry.

For further information, please call David Jones at 236-7048 or Patti Dinse at 354-0600.

Housing for two AC Instructors:

Information from Woofie Parker

Yachtwoof@Juno.com

Atlantic Challenge: 594 - 1800

Atlantic Challenge is looking for housing for two of its Community Sailing Program instructors. The Atlantic Challenge Apprentice house, where instructors have stayed in the past, is going to be full this summer. AC really needs to locate a home for Stoddard Pierce and Sandra Wyman. They are prepared to pay something toward this.

A quick bio as follows:

Stoddard Pierce: graduating from Middlebury College this May; head instructor at Harraseeket, Yacht Club in South Freeport; taught sailing at Pleon in Marblehead for the past two years.

Sandra Wyman: finishing her freshman year at University of Michigan; captain of the sailing club at Exeter.