



Chapoquoit Yacht Club

CYC Members,

While old man winter still incarcerates our boats in storage, I have noticed the warmth of the sun getting stronger and know that summer 2009 is fast approaching. Since last October, your CYC council has been focused on getting activities for summer 2009 planned. We have been working on many new exciting ideas that we believe will continue to enhance the CYC experience and participation for all.

The most exciting new idea is a change in the opening of the season. We have moved the opening meeting to Saturday followed by a beach party at big beach, band and all. We should all thank Sarah Ramsdell and her crew for working very hard on creating a great way to kick off the season. Please look for your invitation in the spring and I hope you can all make it.

I would like to thank Todd Jackson for spearheading communications with Harbor Head Tennis Club and trying to create a junior program schedule minimizing sailing and tennis conflicts.

Junior Program

We are very excited to announce that Andrew Kirk will be joining us a head instructor / program director. Andrew comes back to CYC with a very strong coaching background and strong desire to continue the growth of the program. He will be drawing on his experiences as coach of the Falmouth High School sailing team, and head 420 coach at Beverly Yacht Club. Most of all he will bring his love of sailing to the water every day.

We are also very happy to be welcoming Liz Kirk and Sam Jackson back for summer 2009. I know our kids were elated at the news and I am sure there are many more kids that will be thrilled.

We are also happy to announce that we have hired Eva McNamara to our staff. Eva has sailed for Wild Harbor and Falmouth High School. She enjoys both children and sailing so we expect she will be a very positive addition to our senior staff. We welcome Eva to CYC and look forward to seeing her on the water.

As we have done in the past, we hope to be hiring some junior sailors to assist in the teaching of the beginner classes. If your child would like to be considered for this please contact me or Hallie Lee.

Fleet

We expect that while some of our equipment is getting close to the replacement stage, we don't think CYC will have any major capital expenditure. We will have to get our 420 fleet up to par with some hardware and sails. While the Club beetles are not the fastest in the harbor, they are a wonderful asset to all members for classes, racing and recreational sailing. We are going to have to budget some repair money in the near future to protect these assets. If we end up with a large beetle class, we may need use of another boat. Anyone who would like to lend their beetle for teaching purposes please let me know. If there are any other acquisitions needed for the season we hope to work with the Finlay Fund to cover this expense.

Towards the end of last summer one of our dinghies was stolen. Before CYC purchases a replacement, it would be great if there were a lonely dinghy in need of use. If by chance a member knows of "a dinghy" that would be suitable for CYC please contact me.

Web Site

As many of you know our web site is up and running! Please go to Chapoquoityachtclub.com and take a look around and let us know what you think. We are busily creating our 2009 calendar and hope to have it posted in March to help you all make your summer plans. We have also just subscribed to Constant Contact to manage our e-mail messaging – please be patient while we try and work with in this new age of technology. We will continue to work with members who do not have e-mail addresses but we strongly encourage all of you to supply us with this information for use as the primary method of communication.

Listed below are some important dates to mark on your calendars now! More information on these events will be posted on the site, included in the spring newsletter and discussed at the opening meeting.

Looking ahead (and back) at what makes CYC so special

Outside of my wedding day and the birth of my children, CYC summers has provided most of my fondest memories. From passing my first swim test, to hoping Dad picked me as his beetle crew, to crewing for Nat Ross on the CYC Racing Team, to being thrown off the floats by Mike McSherry, to picking seaweed year after year, to hoping I was strong enough to help at Work Day, to launching my kids on their first solo opti sail and watching them get their first UNKIE trophies and hearing them wish they were big enough to help at Work Days.

All of these memories also have one thing in common, Joe Kirk. Joe cared deeply about CYC and it made him happiest when he provided a good time for all. He was either right in the thick of it or in the background enjoying these truly magical moments. He was always the first to lend a helping hand to ensure that everyone could enjoy all that CYC has to offer!

Life as commodore is hard enough to grasp but life as commodore with out Joe, the back bone of volunteers, is truly a daunting thought. While there are many of you who have volunteered to help make our summers fun for all, now more than ever do we need all of you to come and find something to contribute to our fabulous club.

Find something you are interested in helping with, grab a friend or two, put a little effort into making our club that much better and enjoy the feeling of contributing to the creation of many new memories for the young and old(er). If you are not sure what you can do please contact me or other council members and we can find something you will enjoy. The plea for volunteers has been presented by many of my predecessors and I am sure will continue in the future. It is just this simple: "many hands make light work."

I look forward to continuing our planning and preparation for summer 2009 and may it hurry up and arrive.

Sincerely,

Rob King
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IMPORTANT DATES:

Work Day: Sunday, May 31st 12:00

Work Day: Saturday, June 27th 12:00

Opening meeting: Saturday, June 27th 5:00

Kick off summer Beach Party: Saturday, June 27th 6:30

First day of classes: Monday, June 29th

Clambake: Saturday, August 15th